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THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY;

Held at *PERTH-AMBOY* on *Monday* the 20th of *May* 1751.

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VOTES

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General ASSEMBLY

Names of the REPRESENTATIVES.

City of Perth-Amboy,	*John Stevens*,	*John Johnſton*,
County of Middleſex,	*John Wetherill*,	*Shobal Smith*,
Monmouth,	*Robert Lawrence*,	*James Holmes*,
Eſſex,	*John Low*,	*Robert Ogden*,
Somerſet,	*John Van Middleſworth*,	*Hendrick Fiſher*,
Bergen,	*Derick Dye*,	*Cornelius Vanvorſt*,
City of Burlington,	*Charles Read*, Speaker,	*John Deacon*,
County of Burlington,	*William Cooke*,	*Barzillai Newbold*,
Glouceſter,	*William Mickle*,	*Joſeph Ellis*,
Salem and Cumberland,	*William Hancock*,	*Richard Wood*,
Cape May,	*Aaron Leaming*,	*Jacob Spicer*,
Hunterdon and Morris,	*William Mott*,	*John Emley*.

18th Aſſembly.

MONDAY, May 20, 1751.

PURSUANT to the Writs for electing Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, to ſerve in General Aſſembly, returnable at *Perth-Amboy* the 6th of *April* laſt, and ſundry Prorogations ſince, to this Day, twenty two of the Members met.

Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Stevens* were deſired to wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of the Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and pray him to appoint proper Perſons to qualify them.

Mr *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himſelf waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would do what was proper on the Occaſion.

Mr. *Secretary* brought from his Excellency a Dedimus, appointing the Honourable

Honourable *Andrew Johnſton*, *James Hude*, and *Charles Read*, Eſqrs. and *William Hancock* and *John Low*, Eſqrs. or any two of them, to qualify the Members.

And accordingly the Members preſent, being twenty-two in Number, were qualified, Mr. *Hude*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Low* being preſent.

Then Mr. *Secretary* inform'd the Members, that they were directed by his Excellency to proceed to the Choice of a *Speaker*. And they proceeded accordingly, and choſe the Honourable CHARLES READ, Eſq; who was conducted to, and placed in the Chair.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Johnſton* inform his Excellency thereof, and deſire he will be pleaſed to let the Houſe know when they may attend him to preſent their *Speaker*.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe might attend him to-morrow Morning at 11 o'Clock.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, *May* 21. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Emley* was qualified before Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock*.

Ordered,
That he take his Seat in the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

' *Gentlemen*,
' I am ordered to acquaint you, that his Excellency is ready to receive the ' Preſentation of the *Speaker*.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency.

And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair and reported, that the Houſe had preſented him to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to approve of their Choice: That he had requeſted his Excellency, that the Houſe might be protected in their uſual Privileges, and that the *Speaker*, or any of the Members, might, by Order of the Houſe, have free acceſs to his Excellency, as often as the publick Affairs required it.

To

To which his Excellency was pleaſed to Anſwer, that as he was tender of the Prerogatives of the Crown, ſo he was equally tender of the Privileges of the People, that the Houſe ſhould enjoy their juſt Rights and Privileges, and that the Speaker, or any of the Members, ſhould by the Direction of the Houſe, have free acceſs to him whenever they ſhould think it neceſſary for the good of the Community.

Ordered,
That the Clerk of the Crown lay the Writs for electing the preſent Repreſentatives, with the Returns, before the Houſe in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

According to Order, the Writs of Election and Returns, were laid before the Houſe.

A Motion was made, that a Reſolve of the late Houſe, wherein it is Reſolved, that not leſs than Twenty Members be a ſufficient Number to proceed when any Money is to be raiſed or applyed, be a Reſolve of this Houſe, and after ſome Debate on the Queſtion, it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas	Yeas	Nays	Nays.
Mr. *Wetheril*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*	Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Mickel*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Ellis*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Wood*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Emley*.
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Mott*.		
Mr. *Dey*,			

Reſolved,
That two of the Members of this Houſe, with the *Speaker*, be a ſufficient Number to meet and adjourn from time to time, but that not leſs than Sixteen be a ſufficient Number to proceed to any other Buſineſs, nor leſs than Twenty when any Money is to be raiſed or applyed.

Reſolved,
That the Members Names to their Yeas and Nays be entered in the Minutes, if deſired by any three Members.

Reſolved,
That *John Titus* be Door-keeper of this Houſe.

Ordered,
That *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, Print the Votes of the Houſe, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the *Speaker*.

Reſolved,

Reſolved,
That a Committee of Grievances do ſit every *Wedneſday*, if there be Occaſion, and that ſaid Committee be a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Ogden* wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf performed the Order of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

'Mr. *Speaker*,
'His Excellency requires the Attendance of the Houſe in the Council 'Chamber immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency. And being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes, of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,
That his Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

'THERE having lately been a Choice of a new Aſſembly, I have 'judged it neceſſary to the King's Honour and Service, as well as for 'the real Intereſt of the Province, to meet you as ſoon as conveniently 'might be.

'*Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,
'As it is more peculiarly your Privilege and your Duty, to make the 'neceſſary and ſufficient Supplies for Payment of the Debts of the 'Province, and for the Support of His Majeſty's Government over you, 'I muſt deſire you wiſely and prudently to conſider the preſſing and diſtreſſing Circumſtances this Province is brought into, by an empty Treaſury 'for near two Years paſt; and that while Juſtice is circulating between Man 'and Man, and private People are obliged, by the Laws of the Land, to 'pay their Debts one to another, the Creditors of the Province have been 'left without Remedy, and for no other Cauſe but from the Difference 'in Opinion between His Majeſty's Council and the late Houſe of Aſſembly, as to the Manner of raiſing of Monies. Surely this can be no ſubſtantial Reaſon for ſtoping the Courſe of publick Juſtice; at leaſt a Bill 'ought to paſs in Security to all that have Claims upon the Province.

'And as I am ſure there cannot be ſet before you a better Example for your

‘ your Proceedings in the publick Affairs, than that of the Honourable ‘ Houſe of Commons of *Great-Britain*, I muſt obſerve to you, that it is ‘ their conſtant Practice, firſt of all to Vote to His Majeſty an ample ſupply of ‘ Money, for Payment of the publick Debts, and for the neceſſary Support ‘ of the Government, and *thereafter* to conſider of Ways and Means for ‘ raiſing the ſaid Monies; and this has always proved a happy Means of ‘ ſecuring the juſt Dues of the Subject, and thereby of preſerving Peace and ‘ good Order between the Legiſlature and the People.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,*

‘ I doubt not but you are now come together with good Diſpoſitions and ‘ Reſolutions to do all in your Power for the Support of the King's Govern- ‘ ment, and for the Happineſs of this Province. As I have once and again ‘ mentioned to former Aſſemblies, ſo I now do to you, that in all your De- ‘ bates and Deliberations, I heartily wiſh the moſt pleaſing Harmony and ‘ Agreement, and I ſhall chearfully put the laſt Hand to your wiſe Reſults ‘ in what I have now mentioned to you.

Perth-Amboy,
May 21. 1751. J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
That his Excellency's Speech have a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from the Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of *Perth-Amboy*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Act for their Relief in ſuch Manner as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered,
That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 22. 1751.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider his Excellency's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Houſe have gone through his Excellency's Speech, and come to a Reſolution, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to him, in Anſwer thereto. To which the Houſe agreed, and reſolved accordingly.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Wetheril*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of ſaid Addreſs.

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The Petition of the Priſoners in the Goal in *Perth-Amboy* was read a Second Time and referred to further Conſideration,

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

A Motion being made that the Orders of the late Houſe of the 7th of *February* laſt, made on the Report of a Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws, Records and other Fundamental Conſtitutions, relating to the firſt Settlement of this Colony, ſhould be reviv'd; the Houſe agreed thereto.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Orders be revived and be of full Force.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Emley*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for ſupport of Government.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, May 23. 1751.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd to two Afternoon,

The Houſe met.

A Petition of *Joſeph Bonney* was read, ſetting forth, that he hath receiv'd no Satisfaction in a Cauſe ſet forth in a Petition preferred to the late Houſe againſt *John Riddell*, and praying the Houſe to endeavour that he may have Redreſs.

Ordered.
That the Petition have a ſecond reading,

A Petition of *Johannes Nevius*, ſetting forth, that he thinks himſelf agriev'd by a Bill of Coſt drawn by an Attorney of Law in this Province, and praying Redreſs, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Petition of the Priſoners for Debt.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Van Middelſworth*, Mr. *Newbold*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Emley*, be a Committee, to prepare a Bill *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors.*

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The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morow Morning eight of the Clock.

Friday May 24, 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming*, return'd a Repreſentative for *Cape May*, was qualifyed before Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Low* thereunto duly authorized.

Ordered.
That he take his Seat in the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſundry Foreigners born under the Allegiance of the Emperor of *Germany*, praying to be naturalized, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Leaming* be added to the Committee for bringing in the Bill *for Support of Government.*

Ordered.
That Mr. *Fiſher* Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Stevens* be a Commitee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for aſcertaining the Quotas, of the ſeveral Counties, on raiſing* a Provincial Tax.

The Petition of *Johannes Nevius*, for relief concerning a Bill of Coſt being read the ſecond Time, the Houſe are of Opinion, that its remediable in the Courts of Juſtice, and to them the Houſe recommend it to apply a Remedy if the Complaint ſhall be found to be juſt.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morow Morning eight of the Clock.

Saturday May 25, 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Petition of ſundry Foreigners praying to be naturalized, was read a ſecond Time, with a Certificate of their taking the Oaths, and making and ſubſcribing the Declaration appointed by Law. The Houſe grants leave to bring in a Bill for that purpoſe according to the Prayer of the Petitioners.
And thereupon a Bill was preſented to the Houſe entitled, *An Act for naturalizing* Philip Young, Henry Croo, Johannes Fiſher, Jacob Winnacker, Michael Shuatterly, and Jacob Kemper, which was received and read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday May 27 1751.

The Houſe met,

Mr. *Deacon* prayed leave to bring in a Bill to inveſt the Corporation of *Burlington*, with the Right of Ferriage from thence to the Town of *Briſtol.*

Ordered,
That he have leave to bring in ſuch Bill at the beginning of next Sitting at *Burlington*, if it's then made appear, that one Copy of the above Prayer and this Order, has been affixed up at the Wharf, and another at the Court-Houſe in *Burlington*, at leaſt one Month before ſaid Sitting, in Order that all Perſons may have Notice to make their Objections if any they have, to ſuch Bill.

The Houſe adjourned, to eight o'Clock to morrow Morning

Tueſday May 28, 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke* laid before the Houſe ſundry Papers received from the Agent, which were read and ordered to lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

The Bill for *naturalizing* Philip Young, Henry Croo, Johannes Fiſher, Jacob Winnacker, Michael Shuatterly, *and* Jacob Kemper, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Wetherill.*

The Houſe adjourned to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties*, reported, that they have prepared the ſame. And it was received and read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for the relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, reported, that they have prepared a Bill for that Purpoſe, entituled, *An Act for the Revival and Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, And it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned, to eight o'Clock to morrow Morning.

Wedneſday

Wedneſday May 29, 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* from Committee to whom the Bill *for naturalizing* Philip Young, and others was committed, reported the ſame without Amendment. And the ſaid Bill was read, and ſeveral Amendments made thereto in the Houſe, and on the Queſtion.

Ordered, That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas*, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the ſaid Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſire leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met, and reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill, *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas* &c. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto. And with leave he reported the ſame.

And the ſaid Amendment was read in its place, and on the Queſtion, whether the Bill be engroſſed with the ſaid Amendment? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engroſſed,

The Bill *to revive and continue an Act for the relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, was read a ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wood*, Mr. *Deacon*, and Mr. *Ellis*,

The Petition of *Joſeph Bonney* was read a ſecond time; and the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, are inclinable to paſs an Act of General Aſſembly for his relief at next Sitting, upon the Principles of Mercy and Juſtice, Provided no reaſonable Objections can be made againſt ſuch Act: Therefore *Ordered*, that Copies of this Minute be ſet up at the Court Houſe in *Somerſet* County, at *Prince-Town*, at *New-Brunſwick*, at the Clerks Office of ſaid County, and at *Bound-Brook*, for at leaſt one Month preceeding ſuch Sitting, that all Perſons concerned may have Notice thereof, and make their Objections, if any they have.

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday

Thurſday, May 30. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee to whom the Bill *for the Revival and Continuance of an Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt* was committed, reported the ſame with ſome Amendments, which were read in their Places, and ſome other Amendments made in the Houſe, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony in order for levying of Taxes from Time to Time as Occaſion may require, for payment of the publick Debts, for ſupport of Government, and defraying the Contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,
Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Stevens* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himſelf delivered the ſaid Bill to the *Speaker* in Council.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing* Philip Young, Henry Croo, Johannes Fiſher, Jacob Winnaker, Michael Shuatterly *and* Jacob Kemper, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,
Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Smith* carry the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *John Noe*, ſetting forth, that he has been ſome Years a Priſoner in the Gaol at *Perth-Amboy*, and that he owes ſo great a Sum, that if an Act paſſes for the Relief of diſtreſs'd Priſoners in the Manner it lately was, it will not relieve him, and praying an Act for his Relief, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Salter*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Mott* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *for ſupport of Government*, reported that they have prepar'd the ſame. And it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

'YOU may remember that in the laſt Seſſion of the late Aſſembly, one '*Joſeph Bonney*, then a Priſoner in *Somerſet* Gaol, made his Appli-'cation to this Legiſlature, for ſome Redreſs under his difficult Circumſtances, 'and I have this Day received his repeated Complaint of the ſeverity of his 'Caſe, which I now lay before you; and upon reading it, I believe you 'will think it will well become this Legiſlature, as Fathers of the People, to 'make a thorough and effectual Examination into the Matter; and this I 'deſire you to do by a joint Committee of the Council and the Aſſembly, 'as ſoon as the more neceſſary Affairs of this Seſſion are diſpatch'd; and 'when it is conſider'd, how long the Man has been held in durance, I 'hope this Court will not riſe before they do what may be proper, on their 'Part, for his Relief, or that he may in ſome other Courſe obtain Juſtice.

Perth-Amboy.
May 29. 1751 J. BELCHER.

The Petition refered to in his Excellency's Meſſage was alſo read,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Meſſage be read a ſecond time.

The Petition of *John Nze* was read a ſecond time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Revival and Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Deacon* do carry the ſame to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the ſaid Bill to the *Speaker* in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday, May 31. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for ſupport of Government*, was read a ſecond time, and committed

mitted to a Committee of the whole Houſe. The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the ſaid Bill. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them refered, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas*, &c. without any Amendment.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

And reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome further Progreſs in the ſaid Bill, and deſire leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 1. 1751.

The Houſe met.

And reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome further Progreſs in the ſaid Bill, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the Bill, and come to ſundry Reſolutions thereon, and with leave he reported the ſame, as follows.

Reſolved,
That the Government be ſupported for two Years, to commence the *tenth* Day of *Auguſt* 1749, and to End the *tenth* Day of *Auguſt* 1751.
To which the Houſe agreed.
Reſolved,
That in and by the ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid,

To

To his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, for his Salary, the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds per Annum*, during the ſaid two Years.

And on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſs'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas	Yeas	Yeas	Nays
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Mickel*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Ellis*,	Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Wood*,	who voted
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	for 800 *l.*
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	

To *Robert Hunter Morris*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of the Supream Court; *Twenty Pounds ſixteen Shillings and eight Pence*, for his Salary to the Time he went out of the Province.

To the Second and Third Judges of the Supream Court, for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty five Pounds* each per Annum.

To the Treaſurers, for the time being, *Forty Pounds* each, per Annum.

To the Attorney General, for the Time being, *Forty Pounds* per Annum.

To the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, *Thirty Pounds* per Annum.

To *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; or to the Agent for the Time being, *eighty Pounds* per Annum.

To the Clerk of the Circuits, for the Time being, *Twenty Pounds* per Annum.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, for the Time being, *Ten Pounds* per Annum.

To his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, *Sixty Pounds* per Annum for Houſe Rent.

To either of the Judges of the Supream Court, for attending Courts of *Niſi Prius* and *Oyer and Terminer*, purſuant to the Act, *Ten Pounds* each Time.

To the Collector of *Cape-May* County, *Fifteen Pounds*, for ſo much paid one of the Judges for holding a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* in the ſaid County.

To the Council *ſix Shillings per diem*, each, for the Time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend, at any Sittings of General Aſſembly within ſaid two Years.

To *Thomas Bartow*, one of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for his Attendance in manner aforeſaid, *eight Shillings per diem*; alſo *Twenty Pounds* for entering the Minutes of this and former Sittings at *Amboy*, (unprovided for) fair in the Book, Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper; and *Forty Shillings* for a Book already purchaſed.

To *Samuel Smith*, Eſq; the other Clerk, for his Attendance, in manner aforeſaid at *Burlington*, *eight Shillings per diem*; alſo *Twenty two* Pounds for entering the Minutes, &c. of the late Sittings at *Burlington*, unprovided for.

To

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the time being, attending the Houſe of Repreſentatives, in manner aforeſaid, *three Shillings per diem.*

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, attending the Council in manner aforeſaid, *three Shillings per diem.*

To the Door-keeper, for the Time being, attending the Houſe of Repreſentatives in manner aforeſaid, *three Shillings per diem.*

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; to pay for the Uſe of a Room, Fire-Wood and Candle, for the Council, at the Sittings of General Aſſembly within the ſaid two Years, *fourteen Shillings* per Week,

To *Jonathan Thomas*, for the Uſe of a Room, Fire-Wood and Candle, for the Houſe of Repreſentatives, at two late Sittings at *Burlington*, *Twenty Shillings* per Week: Alſo *Eighteen Shillings* to pay *Thomas Rogers* for Firewood at a former Sitting.

To *William Bradford*, or any other Printer, for printing the Votes and Laws at the Sittings within the two Years aforeſaid, ſuch Sum as *Charles Read*, *William Cook*, and *Joſeph Ellis*, Eſqrs. or any two of them ſhall agree for.

To *Charles Read*, Eſq; Secretary, for ſundry Expreſſes, and for copying of Acts of General Aſſembly to ſend to *Great-Britain*, and other Services to the beginning of this Seſſion, *Sixty two Pounds thirteen Shillings.*

To the Repreſentatives, *Six Shillings per diem*, each, for the Time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend, at any Sittings of General Aſſembly within ſaid two Years.

To all which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the Bill be filled up conformable to the ſaid Reſolutions. Which being done, and ſome other Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered.

That the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, June 3. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for two Years, to commence the* tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1749, *and to end the* tenth. *Day of* Auguſt 1751, *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages, and Contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Smith* carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr.

Mr *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf performed the ſaid Order.

The Houſe adjourned, to eight o'Clock to morrow Morning

Tueſday June 4. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Cooke from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, reported, that they have prepared the ſame; and with leave he delivered it in at the Table. And it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,
That all Perſons who have any Demands upon the Colony, lay their Accounts, duly proved, before the Houſe within eight Days after the firſt Day of the next Sitting of General Aſſembly.

Ordered.
That the Treaſurers lay their Accounts before the Houſe within the Time aboveſaid.

The Houſe adjourned to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leonard* brought back from the Council, the Bill *for naturalizing* Philip Young and others, with one Amendment, for the Concurrence of this Houſe. He alſo brought back the Bill *for the Revival and Continuance of an Act for the relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, with one Amendment, for the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Amendments being ſeverally read in their Places, the Houſe agreed thereto.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bills as amended be engroſſed.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper Parts of the County of *Morris*, was read, praying to be made a ſeparate County, divided by the River *Muſkonetcunk*.

Alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of the lower Parts of the County of *Morris* was read, praying the ſame, and that they may be enabled to build a Court-Houſe and Gaol.

Ordered,
That the Petitions have a ſecond Reading at the next Sitting of General Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have this Day paſſed the Bill *for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for two Years, to commence the* tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1749, *and to end the* tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1751, without Amendment.

The Addreſs to his Excellency was read a ſecond Time, and then read Paragraph by Paragraph, and Debates ariſing on Parts of the ſeveral Paragraphs, on the Queſtion, it paſſed that they remain; and ſome Amendments being made in the Form of the Words, the Queſtion was put, whether the Houſe agrees to the Addreſs or not? And it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas	Yeas	Nays
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Mickle*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,
Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Ellis*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *VanMiddleſworth*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Dye*,	Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Deacon*,
Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Emley*.	Mr. *Hancock*,
		Mr. *Wood*.

Ordered,
That the Addreſs be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morow Morning eight of the Clock.

Wedneſday June 5. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Councils Amendment, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing* Philip Young, Henry Croo, Johannes Fiſher, Jacob Winnacker, Michael Shuatterly, and Jacob Kemper, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

The Bill re-engroſſed with the Councils Amendment, entitled, *An Act for the Revival and Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Smith* carry the ſaid Bills to the Council, and acquaint them, that the Houſe have agreed to their Amendment to each Bill, and have paſſed the ſaid Bills re-engroſſed as amended.

Mr.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf perform'd the ſaid Order.

The Houſe adjourned to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency was read and compared,
Ordered.
That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Vanvorſt* wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that the Houſe have their Addreſs ready to preſent, whenever he will pleaſe to receive it.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Vanvorſt* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would let the Houſe know ſometime in the Forenoon to-morrow.

Ordered,
That the King's Printer of this Colony, do print 154 Copies of the Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties of this Colony*, &c. if the ſame ſhall be paſſed this Seſſion. Which Copies are to be ſtitch'd ſingly, and ſent with all convenient Speed according as Mr. *Speaker* ſhall Order.

Which ſaid Copies are to be diſtributed by the Members in the Manner following, viz.

One to each County Collector.
One to the Collector of each Town or Precinct.
One to each Aſſeſſor.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Printer print 170 Sets of the Laws which ſhall be paſſed this Seſſion, to be ſtitch'd together, and ſent as Mr. *Speaker* ſhall direct.

For the Uſe of *Middleſex*	15	*Burlington*	19
Monmouth	9	*Glouceſter*	11
Eſſex	9	*Salem*	9
Somerſet	9	*Cumberland*	9
Bergen	8	*Cape-May*	7
		Hunterdon	11
		Morris	11

To be diſtributed in each County as follows.

To the Members each	1
Firſt Judge of the County	1
Clerk of the County	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1
Mayors each	1
Clerk of each Corporation	1

And

And there ſhall be given,

To the GOVERNOR	4	Treaſurers each	1
Each of the Council	1	Attorney General	1
Each of the Judges of the Supream Court	1	Clerks of the Houſe each	1
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	Clerk of the Council	1
		The Agent one	4

Ordered,
That the Printer print 244 Sets of the Votes, and ſend 48 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion to be diſtributed as follows.

To the GOVERNOR	8
Each of the Council	2
The Agent	6
The Officers of the Houſe and Council each	1

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows.

For *Perth-Amboy*	10	*Burlington* City	10
Middleſex	16	*Burlington* County	16
Monmouth	20	*Glouceſter*	16
Eſſex	20	*Salem* & *Cumberland*	20
Somerſet	16	*Cape-May*	12
Bergen	16	*Hunterdon* & *Morris*	24

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, June 6. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Fiſher* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, That the Houſe taking into Conſideration his Excellency's Meſſage of the 30th of laſt Month, relating to the Petition of *Joſeph Bonney*, and upon reading the Proceedings of the late Aſſembly upon that Affair, are of Opinion, that your Excellency is veſted with the Power of ordering a further enquiry and bringing the Delinquents to Juſtice, and ſhould have been pleaſed that had been done before this Time, which is the only proper Way we at preſent know of for obtaining redreſs.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf waited on his Excellency, and delivered the ſaid Meſſage.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Reſolved,
That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that it is the Privilege of the General

neral Aſſembly, that all Bills for granting Money to His Majeſty when paſſed by the General Aſſembly and the Council, ſhould be preſented to his Excellency the Governor, by the Hands of the *Speaker* of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

A Meſſage from the Governor by the Deputy Secretary.

" Mr. *Speaker*,
" His Excellency has ordered me to acquaint you, that he is in the " Council Chamber ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency. And being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, and preſented their Addreſs in the following Words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, agree with your Excellency it is more peculiarly our Privilege to make the neceſſary Supplies (and in our Opinion to direct the Method alſo of doing it) for Payment of the publick Debts, and for the Support of Government, and when the true Ends of Government are fully anſwered, and the Officers kept ſtrictly to their Duty in the Execution of the Laws, it then becomes a Duty incumbent on us, in behalf of the People, to make Proviſion for the Support of the Government, as the grateful Acknowlegement of an obliged People; and we wiſh we could ſay, thoſe true Ends have been fully anſwered; yet nevertheleſs, we have paſſed a Bill *to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas of each reſpective County in this Colony*, as a neceſſary previous Step for ſupplying the Treaſury; which Bill is of the ſame Tenor with ſeven Bills of the like Kind paſt by the late Aſſemblies, ſaving only that we have added to the preſent Bill, a declaratory Clauſe, to diſcover our Intent of taxing Lands hereafter according to value in Quantity and Quality, between limitted Sums to be hereafter fixt, and that all Lands purchaſed from a larger Survey or Patent, ſhall be eſteemed a ſeparate Tract, which being the proper Buſineſs of a Taxation Bill, was not explain'd by either of the ſaid ſeven Bills: Beſides which Bill, we have alſo paſſed a Bill *for ſupport of Government*, wherein as ample Proviſion is made as uſual.

As to what your Excellency recommended with reſpect to the Practice of the Honourable Houſe of Commons of *Great-Britain*, we may reply,

 that

that we have done all at preſent in our Power (conſiſtent with Prudence and Juſtice) not only for ſupplying the Treaſury, but alſo for the Payment of the publick Debts, and for ſupporting the Government; and more than this we cannot ſuppoſe that Auguſt Body ever do upon the like Occaſions. However, we ſhall always endeavour to imitate their wiſe Examples as near as the Nature of our Affairs and Circumſtances of the Colony will admit; which we find have been done by former Aſſemblies, and particularly at a Sitting in *October* 1749. And while we are on this Subject, permit us, with Submiſſion, to remark, that there cannot be ſet before your Excellency, a better Example than that of our gracious Sovereign, whoſe Royal Authority is always exerted in the ſpeedy redreſs of Grievances: And we ſhould be glad your Excellency was of Opinion, that your Power of doing the like is not limited by the Royal Order, eſpecially ſo as to render you unable to remove a Juſtice of the Peace without the Advice and Conſent of His Majeſty's Council; notwithſtanding which we humbly conceive your Excellency may remove ſuch Juſtice, or other Officer, for ſuch Reaſons as were pointed out to you by a late Aſſembly, and for ſuch other good and ſufficient Cauſe to be ſignified unto His Majeſty and to His Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

From the whole Tenor of our Conduct this Sitting, we preſume your Excellency muſt be convinced, we came together with the good Diſpoſitions and Reſolutions you ſeemed not to doubt of by your Speech, and that we have endeavour'd for a good Agreement among the Branches of the Legiſlature; and from your Excellency's former Readineſs in paſſing Bills, we have no Reaſon to doubt but you'll put the finiſhing Hand to thoſe we have paſſed this Sitting, and to ſuch other as we ſhall hereafter think proper to paſs for the good of the Colony. And we hope you'll yet Redreſs ſuch Grievances as the late Aſſembly did, and we do think proper to be redreſſed, to the End the Laws of the Colony may be duly regarded, as a ſtanding invariable Rule for the good Government thereof.

Several of the Members being of the People called *Quakers* agree to the Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

CHARLES READ, Speaker.

Mr. *Speaker* further reported, that his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to four Bills, enacting the ſame, entitled as follows.

1 *A Act to enable the Legiſlature to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, in order for levying of Taxes from time to time as Occaſion may require, for Payment of the publick Debts, for ſupport of Government, and defraying the Contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey *for two Years, to commence the* tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1749, *and to end the* tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1751, *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages, and Contingent Charges thereof.*

3. *An*

3. *An Act for the Revival and Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt.*

4. *An Act for naturalizing* Philip Young, Henry Croo, Johannes Fiſher, Jacob Winnacker, Michael Shautterly *and* Jacob Kemper.

And that then his Excellency made a Speech to both Houſes, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

' THE 28th of laſt Month I had the Honour to receive a Letter from ' his Grace the Duke of *Bedford*, one of His Majeſty's principal ' Secretaries of State, of the 21ſt of *March* laſt, and which is couch'd ' in the following Terms,

" *Sir* *Whitehall, March* 21. 1751.

" IT is with great Concern that I am now to acquaint you with the Death " of His Royal Highneſs the PRINCE OF WALES, who expired " of a violent Pleuritick Fever about 10 o'Clock laſt Night. The " Grief upon this melancholy Occaſion is great and General. It is " however a great Comfort to His Majeſty's faithful Servants, to find that " His Health is entirely re-eſtabliſhed, and that her Royal Highneſs the " Princeſs of *Wales*, and all the reſt of the Royal Family, are as well as " can be expected in the preſent Circumſtances. I moſt heartily Condole " with you upon this unfortunate Occaſion, and am

Sir, Your moſt Obedient

" Governor *Belcher*, *Humble Servant*,

" *New-Jerſey*. BEDFORD.

' The Death of this Prince, who, next under His Majeſty, was the ' Darling and Delight of the *Britiſh* Nation, has drawn a gloomy Scene ' for the Proſpect of all His Majeſty's Dominions; and I think it my Duty ' to ſay, I ſhall be glad to join with you, as (ſpeedily as may be) in an ' Addreſs of Condolance to our moſt gracious Sovereign upon this very ' melancholy Occaſion; and at the ſame Time to congratulate His Majeſty ' upon the entire Re-eſtabliſhment of His Health, (after his late Indiſpoſi- ' tion) the Value of whoſe precious Life is doubly enhanced to all His ' good and faithful Subjects, by the Death of the late Heir Apparent to ' his Crown and Kingdoms.

Perth-Amboy.
June 6. 1751. J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee to confer with his Excellency and a Committee of the Council, at ſuch Time and Place as his Excellency ſhall appoint, in preparing an Addreſs

dreſs to His Majeſty, agreeable to his Excellency's Speech, and Mr. *Speaker* is deſired to aſſiſt therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Excellency, and alſo on the Council, and inform them thereof.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf performed the Order of the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Wetherill*, do Correſpond with the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and that they lay before the Houſe, from time to time, Copies of all Letters they or any of them ſhall write to him, and all Letters which ſhall be received from him, relating to the Colony.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Hude* and Mr. *Kemble* to confer with his Excellency and this Houſe, in preparing an Addreſs to His Majeſty, and that his Excellency has been pleaſed to appoint the Meeting of the Committees to be at ſeven o'Clock this Evening at Mrs. *Sarjants*.

Ordered,

That the preſent Members of the Houſe, enquire in their reſpective Counties, for all publick Records and Papers in the Hands of private Perſons; alſo if any Books of Record are wanting in any of the Clerks Offices; and make report thereof to the Houſe at a future Sitting; and that they have free Acceſs to, and Inſpect the Records and other Papers in the Offices of ſaid Counties, and take Copies of ſuch as may relate to the Conſtitution of this Colony, correſpondent to the Orders of the 7th of *February* laſt.

Reſolved,

That the Houſe will provide for the Payment of the Fees for Copies taken by Virtue of the Orders of the Houſe, and for the Time, Trouble and neceſſary Expences of thoſe employed by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Receipts of thoſe taking ſaid Copies, ſhall be look'd upon as proper Proofs that ſuch Services were done.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Spicer* wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe have no Buſineſs at preſent before them, except the Addreſs to His Majeſty, and that as the Seaſon of the Year makes it neceſſary for the Members to attend their Domeſtick Affairs, if the Council have nothing of Importance to lay before the Houſe, they intend to deſire his Excellency to diſmiſs them as ſoon as the Addreſs ſhall be finiſhed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till eight o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday

Friday, June 7. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee appointed to conſer with his Excellency and a Committee of the Council, on a Draught of an Addreſs to His Majeſty, reported, that the Committees did agree on the Draught thereof and left it with his Excellency.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the Houſe in Anſwer to their Meſſage of Yeſterday, that the Council have no Objection to their deſiring his Excellency to diſmiſs them as ſoon as the Addreſs ſhall be finiſhed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Draught of the Addreſs agreed on by his Excellency and the Committees of both Houſes, is agreed to by the Council, and that the ſame be engroſſed.

And the ſaid Draught was read and agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Addreſs to His Majeſty was read and compared, and his Excellency and the *Speaker* of the Council having ſign'd it and a Duplicate thereof,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Johnſton* wait on his Excellency and inform him, that this Houſe have gone through the Buſineſs which was before them, and if his Excellency has nothing further to recommend, they humbly pray he will be pleaſed to diſmiſs them.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe ſhould hear from him preſently.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

'Mr. *Speaker*,

'I am ordered to acquaint you that his Excellency directs the Houſe 'to adjourn themſelves to the *tenth* Day of *July* next.'

And the Houſe accordingly adjourn'd till the *tenth* Day of *July* next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

N.35.

THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY

Held at *BURLINGTON* on Tuesday the 10th of *September* 1751.

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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

BURLINGTON, Tueſday September 10. 1751.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's ſeveral Adjournments of the General Aſſembly to this Day, the Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, September 11. 1751.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, September 12. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Holmes* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of the Members to proceed to Buſineſs are now met and ready to receive any Thing he has to lay before them.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf, had obeyed the above Order, and that his Excellency was pleas'd to ſay, he would ſend for the Houſe when there was a Quorum of the Council in Town.

Reſolved,
That *William Norcroſs* be appointed Door-keeper of this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday

Friday, September 13. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock*, according to the Directions of a former Houſe, have leave to bring in a Bill to *build a Toll-Bridge over* Salem *Creek, at the Plantation late of* Richard Woodnut *deceas'd.*

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Kingſton*, and Places adjacent, praying for an Amendment of the Law relating to Swine Treſpaſſing (referr'd by a former Houſe) was now read,
Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock, P. M,

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Stevens*, and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to bring in a Bill *for the Support of Government.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants within that part of the Burrough of *Elizabeth*, lying in the County of *Somerſet*, (referred by a former Houſe) was now read and referred to the next ſitting of General Aſſembly,

The three Petitions, (referred by former Aſſemblies) one from the Inhabitants of *Nottingham*; one from *Morris* County, and the other from divers Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Counties of *Burlington* and *Monmouth*, complaining of the Deficiency of the Law for the Preſervation of Deer, and praying the ſame may be amended, were all now read.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Vanvorſt*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill *for the better Preſervation of Deer, and to regulate Hunters in this Province.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* have leave to bring in a Bill, *for amending the Law relating to the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Deacon* and Mr. *Newbold*, be a Committee to prepare a Bill *the better to prevent Sheep being killed by Dogs.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Ogden*, and Mr. *Shobal Smith*, be a Committee to

to prepare a Bill *the more effectually to prevent private Meetings of Negroes and Servants, and the Immoralities and Prophaneneſs conſequent upon tipling Houſes, and other private Places of Entertainment in this Province.*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Greenwich* and *Deptford* (referr'd by a former Houſe) and praying the two Bridges they maintain, may be made a County Charge, was now read, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Petition of ſeveral of the Freeholders in the County of *Middleſex*, (referr'd by a former Houſe) and praying to have the Size of Ditch Fences in Marſh or Meadow Ground aſcertained, by Act of Aſſembly, was now read,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wood* and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Saturday, September 14. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the Freeholders of *Hunterdon* and *Burlington* (referred by a former Houſe) and praying for a Law to have Mortgages recorded, was now read,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Hancock* be a Committee to prepare a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Petition from ſuch of the Inhabitants of *Morris* and *Somerſet* as live nigh *Baskin-Ridge*, (referred by a former Houſe) and praying for a Law the better to prevent Timber being unlawfully deſtroyed, was now read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Dye*, be a Committee to prepare a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe adjourn'd to *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock

Monday, September 16. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for making Ditch Fences*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers of the Owners

of the Meadows within the City of *Burlington*, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are informed, a Bill is ordered to be brought in to aſcertain the Size of Ditch Fences in Marſh or Meadow Ground, and praying a Clauſe may be incerted in ſaid Bill to aſcertain what width the Creek or Drain in the ſaid Meadows ſhall be kept open, to be a lawful Fence, and to oblige the ſeveral Owners to keep the ſaid natural Creek or Drain open againſt their reſpective Meadows, ſo as to let the Water have a conſtant free Paſſage through the ſaid Meadows, as well for the Benefit of the ſaid Owners as for the Health of the Inhabitants of the ſaid City in General; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hancock*, according to leave given him, brought in a Bill *for erecting a Toll-Bridge over* Salem *Creek*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by the Clerk of the Council.

" *Gentlemen*,
" His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Atten-
" dance of this Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech, of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read accordingly, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and is as followeth,

' *Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly*,
' IT is with much Pleaſure and Satisfaction that I look back upon
' the kind and friendly Intercourſe that ſubſiſted among you during
' the laſt Seſſion, and which was productive of happy Conſequences for
' the better Security of the Government of this Province, and of the Wel-
' fare of the People.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.
' AS this is the Time ſet for a return from the ſeveral Counties of
' Liſts of the taxable Eſtate of the Province, I hope you will
' immediately proceed upon ſuch a Bill as may be neceſſary for paying
' off the Debts of the Government, and for the future Support; where-
' of I am glad to find by the Minutes of your Houſe that you have
' in ſome Meaſure anticipated me in what I had intended to have ſaid to
' you on this Head, by your having already appointed a Committee to
' bring in a Bill *for the ſupport of the Government*. Your Readineſs and Ala-
' crity in this matter, I look upon as an Inſtance of your Duty and Loyalty
' to the beſt of KINGS, becauſe it muſt have a tendency to the better
' Eſtabliſhment of the Honour and Dignity of his Majeſty's Government

' in this Province; and it alſo ſhews the juſt regard and Care you are taking ' to prevent any Cry of injuſtice from the Officers of the Government for ' want of their juſt Dues: And while I am on this Head I think it my ' Duty to recommend to you, the extending of this Bill to ſome reaſonable ' Time, for the avoiding tedious Journey-ings and long Attendances up- ' on the frequent Sittings of the Aſſembly, which muſt be a detriment ' to your private Affairs, and alſo an Occaſion of making the Taxes more ' heavy and burthenſome upon the People.

' *Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly*,

' I depend you will go through theſe material Things with diligence ' and diſpatch, and with a deſirable Unanimity; and if after they are com- ' pleated you have any Thing to lay before me, that may contribute to his ' Majeſty's Service and Intereſt, and to the proſperity of the People, I ' ſhall chearfully give Attention to it, having no Aims or Views in the ' Courſe of my Adminiſtration but to make this a happy and flouriſhing ' Province.'

Burlington September 16. 1751.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Mickle*, and Mr. *Wood*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts, and alſo to inſpect and burn the cancel'd Bills, and make Report to the Houſe, and that Mr. *Deacon* and Mr. *Hancock*, do inform the Council thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that purpoſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tueſday September 17, 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion laid before the Houſe the Liſts of the Rateables in the reſpective Townſhips in the Weſtern Diviſion.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Liſts lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of yeſterday, to Mr. *Hude*, one of the Gentlemen of the Coun- cil

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Remonſtrance was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; ſecond Juſtice of the Supream-Court, ſetting forth, that by the Abſence of the *Chief Juſtice* from the Province, ſince the beginning of *November* 1749, the Duty of that Office hath been chiefly performed by the ſaid Remonſtrant,

Remonſtrant, and therefore praying ſuch a Recompence for thoſe extraordinary Services, which hath been attended with great Trouble and Expence, as the Houſe ſhall think they properly deſerve, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading

The Bill entitled, *an Act for erecting a Toll Bridge over* Salem Creek, was read, and on the Queſtion, committed to Mr. *Wood*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Leaming*.

The Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion laid his Account and Vouchers, before the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Account lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members.

The Bill entitled, *an Act for making Ditch Fences*, was read the ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Ellis*.

The Petition of the Owner of the Meadows within the City of *Burlington*, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill for the purpoſes they deſire.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the Houſe, a Meſſage he receiv'd after the Houſe adjourun'd this Morning from Mr. *Leonard*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Leonard* and Mr. *Salter*, or any two of them, to be a Committee to join the Committee of this Houſe, to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts, and the Inſpecting and Burning the cancell'd Bills of Credit, and that the Committees do meet at the Houſe of *John Trapnall*, for that purpoſe on *Thurſday* next at four in the Afternoon.

Mr. *Emley*, according to leave, brought a Bill entitled, *an Act the better to encourage the killing of Wolves and Panthers*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Noe*, a Priſoner in *Amboy* Gaol, ſetting forth, that he owes ſo great a Sum of Money, that the late Inſolvent Act will not relieve him, and praying the Houſe to take ſuch other Meaſures for his Relief as ſhall be thought proper; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed for that purpoſe, brought in a Bill *for the Support of Government*; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the late Committee of Correſpondence, laid before the Houſe a Letter receiv'd from the Agent by Mr. *Richard Smith*, dated the third of *May*, 1751.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider his Excellency's Speech: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referr'd, and had come to a Reſolution, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency in anſwer to his Speech; to which Reſolution the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Fiſher* and *Leaming*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr. *Newbold*, prayed leave to bring in a Bill, *to repeal that Part of the Act for laying out a ſtraight Road from* Burlington *to* Coopers *Ferries, which obliges the Contributors to the Bridge over* Coopers *Creek, to give Security for the Maintenance of the ſaid Bridge*, and he had leave accordingly.

Wedneſday, September 18. 1751

The Houſe met

Ordered,
That Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth* be added to the Committee on the Act *for the better preſervation of Deer.*

The Bill entitled, *An Act the better to encourage the killing of Wolves and Panthers*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Vanvorſt* and Mr. *Holmes.*

Mr. *Newbold*, according to leave, brought in a Bill entitled, *an Act to repeal Part of an Act, entitled, an Act for building a Bridge over* Coopers *Creek*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *an Act for the Support of Government* &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Remonſtrance of *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; was read the ſecond Time and refer'd to the Committee on the Support Bill.

The Petition of *John Noe*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled,

entitled, *an Act for making Ditch Fences*, reported the ſame with ſome Amendments, which were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion whether the Bill be engroſſed or not; it paſſed in the Negative.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Owners of Bloomaries in the County of *Morris*, ſetting forth, that they humbly conceive their Bloomaries are not comprehended in the late Law for returning the Taxables of the Province; and, that there are many Bloomaries in the ſaid County that don't make more than five or ſix Tuns of Iron in a Year, and that therefore the Profits of ſuch Forges cannot pay any Tax, but many of them on the contrary muſt be obliged to let their Works fall if any Tax be laid on them; and, praying the Houſe will rather encourage ſo publick a Benefit, and inſtead of laying a Tax, grant a ſmall Bounty upon every Tun of Barr-Iron fitted for Market, and a Receipt of the ſame being ſhipped for *London* produced to the Treaſurer, according to a late Act of Parliament; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Johnſton*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *an Act to reſtrain Tavern-keepers and others from ſelling Spirituous Liquors to Servants, Negroes and Molatto Slaves &c.* which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *an Act for making a Toll* Bridge *over Salem Creek*; reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, September 19, 1751.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Johnſton* be a Committee to examine what Sum the Province is indebted for Money given and lent the Crown on the late Expeditions, and what is yet due from the Province for other Services, and make Report to the Houſe.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting a Toll-Bridge over* Salem Creek, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Wood* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, That Mr. *Wood* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The ſeveral Petitions from the Inhabitants of *Morris* County (referr'd by a former Houſe) and praying for a Diviſion of the ſaid County, were now read, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Petitions be referred to further Conſideration? It was carried in the Affirmative,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
John Stevens,	*John Deacon,*	*Robert Lawrence,*
John Johnſton,	*William Cooke,*	*John Low,*
John Wetherill,	*Barzillai Newbold,*	*John Van Middleſworth,*
Shobal Smith,	*William Mickle,*	*Derick Dye,*
James Holmes,	*Joſeph Ellis,*	*William Hancock,*
Robert Ogden,	*Richard Wood,*	*William Mott,*
Hendrick Fiſher,	*Aaron Leaming,*	*John Emley.*
Cornelius Vanvorſt;		

The Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal part of an Act, entitled, An Act for building a Bridge over* Cooper's *Creek,* &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Ellis.*

The Bill entitled, *An Act for reſtraining Tavern-keepers,* &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher,* Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Stevens.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock, P. M;

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Mary Force,* ſetting forth, that ſhe is a conſiderable Creditor to *Joſeph Boney,* and praying for that and other Reaſons, therein given, that the Houſe will not paſs any Act to releaſe the ſaid *Boney* from his Confinement; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Speaker* at the deſire of the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, laid before the Houſe the reſpective Liſts of the Rateables in the ſeveral Townſhips in the Eaſtern Diviſion.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Liſts do lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act the better to encourage the killing of Wolves and Panthers,* reported that they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and one to the Title, which were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion whether the ſame be agreed to or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday

Friday, September 20. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal part of an Act, entitled, An Act for building a Bridge over* Cooper's *Creek*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be Engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves and Panthers*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Holmes* do carry the ſame to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal part of an Act, entitled, An Act to impower ſundry of the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Burlington *and* Glouceſter *and others, to erect and build a Draw or Swinging Bridge over* Cooper's *Creek, in the ſaid County of* Glouceſter, *and for appointing Commiſſioners to lay out a more direct Road from* Burlington *to* Cooper's *Ferries*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Deacon* and Mr. *Ellis* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that he received from Mr. *Leonard*, the Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting a Toll-Bridge over* Salem *Creek*; together with a Meſſage acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and one to the Title, which were read in their Places.

Mr. *Deacon* reported, that Mr. *Ellis* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Deecon*, purſuant to leave, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to veſt*

veſt the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Bur lington *with the Ferry from the ſaid City*, &c. which was read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill have a ſecond Reading next *Wedneſday*; and that due Notice of the ſame being before the Houſe, be in the mean Time given to *Bowman Hunlock*, that he may make his Objections, if any he has, againſt the paſſing ſaid Bill.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Saturday, September 21. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting a Toll-Bridge over* Salem *Creek* with the Councils Amendments thereto, was read the ſecond Time, and the firſt and fifth Amendments were agreed to, and an additional Amendment being made to the ſixth, the ſame was agreed to, and the Houſe adhered to the Bill in the other Parts amended.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Wood* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and the above Agreement for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, September 23. 1751.

The Houſe met.

A Remonſtrance was preſented to the Houſe from *John Miln*, Surgeon of the Forces lately raiſed for the Reduction of *Canada*, ſetting forth, that he, by Directions of the Commiſſioners, employed a Surgeon's Mate, and allowed him *ſix Shillings per Diem*, and the Forces being uncommonly afflicted with many Maladies and Diſorders, a greater Expence of Medicines than were provided by the Province, were neceſſarily made Uſe of, and the Surplus ſupplied out of his own Pocket, and therefore praying Proviſion may be made for reimburſing the ſaid Expences; which was read, and

Dr. *Miln* attending was called in, and laid before the Houſe his ſeveral Vouchers, which, with the ſaid Remonſtrance, were referred to the Committee on the *ſupport Bill*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Low*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill *to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable*.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Wood* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tueſday September 24, 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, preſented one for that Purpoſe, which was read, and ſeveral Alterations made thereto in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion whether the ſame be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente.*

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Mickle* do wait on his Excellency and deſire to know, when he will be pleaſed to receive the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee to whom was refer'd the Bill entitled, *An Act to reſtrain Tavern-keepers and others, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants, Negroes and Molatto Slaves*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments; which were read in their Places, and ſome additional Amendments made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Mickle* and himſelf waited upon his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would let the Houſe know when he would receive the Addreſs to-morrow in the Forenoon.

The Petition of *Mary Force*, was read the ſecond Time, and the Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Affair of *Joſeph Boney*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, do wait on his Excellency and deſire to know, who were the Perſons that recommended *John Riddell* to be Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet*, and deſire his Excellency to furniſh the Houſe with a Copy of the ſaid Recommendation.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Wedneſday, September 25. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The engroſs'd Bill entitled, *an Act to Reſtrain Tavern-keepers and others from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants, Negroes and Molatto Slaves, and*

and to prevent Negroes and Molatto Slaves from Meeting in large Companies from Running about at Nights and from Hunting, and carrying a Gun on the Lords Day; was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Johnſton*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and himſelf waited upon his Excellency with the Meſſage of yeſterday, who was pleaſed to ſay, he was willing to grant the requeſt of the Houſe, but that the mentioned Recommendation was gone with his Papers and Goods to *Elizabeth Town*.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

" Mr. *Speaker*,

' His Excellency is in the Council Chamber and ready to receive the ' Addreſs of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency: Being return'd Mr. *Speaker* reſum'd the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency in the Words following.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the ſame.*

May it pleaſe your Excellency.

' WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repre- ' ſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, beg leave to Return your ' Excellency our hearty Thanks for your kind Approbation of our Pro- ' ceedings the laſt Sitting, and hope your Meeting of the Aſſemblies ' for the Future will be always attended with the ſame Pleaſure and Sa- ' tisfaction: And we aſſure your Excellency, that on our Parts we ' ſhall at all Times endeavour to continue (conſiſtent with the Truſt ' repoſed in us) the ſame Harmony which then ſubſiſted among the ' Branches of the Legiſlature, and hope it will be productive of the like ' good Conſequences.

' The Liſts of the Taxable Eſtates of the ſeveral Counties of the Colo- ' ny are now come to hand; and we aſſure your Excellency, we ſhall ' proceed with all Diligence upon ſuch a Bill or Bills as may be neceſſary ' for paying the Debts of the Colony, and for the Support of Govern- ' ment, which we have been always willing to do.

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'When we are on the *ſupport Bill*, we ſhall extend it to ſuch a Length of Time as we may judge moſt conducive to His Majeſty's Service, and to the Benefit of our Conſtituents.

'We Return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for the kind Aſſurances you are pleaſed to give us; but as we apprehend that the cleareſt Demonſtrations that a Governor's Aims and Views are for the Happineſs and Benefit of the People, is not only the paſſing good Laws, but alſo to keep the Subordinate Officers ſtricty to their Duty, in the Obſervance and Execution of them, and where any Failure or Breach of their Duty appears, to remove ſuch, or order ſuch Proceedings againſt them, as may effectually prevent them, and deter others from committing the like Fault for the future; which we wiſh we could ſay had been effected; and whenever it is done, we are humbly of Opinion will be the beſt Encouragement to Aſſemblies to raiſe a Support the more freely.'

Several of the Members being of the People called *Quakers*, concur to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exceptions to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

CHARLES READ, Speaker.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon ſetleing the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf deliver'd the Bill with them entruſted to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to further proceed upon Settling the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matter to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, September 26. 1751.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Johannes Nevius* ſetting forth, that he has taken the Advice of the Houſe in applying to the Court

Court for Relief againſt an extravagant Bill of Coſt, but can meet with no Redreſs; and therefore praying the Houſe will grant him ſuch Relief as they ſhall think proper; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to further proceed upon Settling the Quotas: After ſome Time ſpent therein; Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matter to them referr'd, and deſir'd leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed upon Settling the Quotas: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matter to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday September 27. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon Settling the Quotas: After ſome Time ſpent therein; Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke* reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matter to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions, which he was ready to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive them.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately; and it was made, and with ſome Alterations agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Stevens* Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Fiſher*, be a Committee to ſtate the Value of each reſpective County, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, and that any of the other Members may attend the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, September 28. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee appointed to ſtate the Value of each reſpective County, reported, that they had performed the ſame, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to draw up the neceſſary Clauſes for laying a Tax upon the Province, to be added to the Support Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, with the Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting the Bridge over* Salem *Creek into a Toll-Bridge*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council had agreed to the Amendment of this Houſe to their ſixth Amendment, and had receeded from their Amendments not agreed to by this Houſe; and the ſame being read and compared,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed two Bills without any Amendment; the one the Bill entitled, *A Supplement to an Act to encourage the killing of Wolves and Panthers*; and the other, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal part of an Act, entitled, An Act to impower ſundry of the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Burlington *and* Glouceſter, &c. *to build a Bridge*, &c.

Mr. *Fiſher*, according to leave, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Deacon* brought a Bill entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for explaining and amending an Act for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both ſides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to veſt the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Burlington, *with the Ferry from the ſaid City*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Deacon*, Mr. *Ogden*, and Mr *Wetherill*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, September 30. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr *Deacon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled

entitled, *An Act to veſt the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Burlington, *with the Ferry from the ſaid City*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be Engroſſed.

The Bill entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for enabling the Owners of Meadows*, &c. *in* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Deacon*.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable, Flour*, &c. was read the ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Johnſton*, and Mr. *Ogden*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday October 1. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for enabling the Owners of Meadows*, &c. *in* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be Engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this this Province, entitled, An Act for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both ſides the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Deacon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two o'Clock, P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to veſt the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Burlington, *with the Ferry from the*

the ſaid City, to the Town of New-Briſtol, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Deacon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Cooke* laid before the Houſe, a Letter receiv'd from the Agent, dated the 31ſt of *July* laſt.

Mr. *Newbold* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker of the Council.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Affair of *Joſeph Boney*, and the Petition of *Mary Force*,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming* be a Committee to bring in a Bill *for the Relief of the ſaid* Joſeph Boney.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Wedneſday, October 2. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke* laid before the Houſe a Letter from the Agent, dated the 8th of *Auguſt* laſt.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Waſte of* Timber, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,
That the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion do purchaſe two Sets of the *New-York* Laws, one Set of each to be kept by the reſpective Treaſurers, for the Uſe of the General Aſſembly.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for Recording of Mortgages*, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday, October 3, 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Waſte of Timber*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame be committed or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

A Remonſtrance was preſented to the Houſe from *William Foſter*, Eſq. ſetting forth, the great Inconveniencies attending the multiplicity of Taverns in this Province, and propoſing a Scheme in ſome Meaſure to remedy it. And alſo ſetting forth the Diſtreſſed and growing Diſadvantages the Province lies under for want of a ſufficient Paper Currency, and praying the Houſe will duly conſider the Premiſes, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for Recording of Mortgages*, was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame be committed or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 4. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer*, &c. was read the ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Newbold*.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that he receiv'd a Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, to acquaint the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill entitled, *An Act to reſtrain Tavern-keepers*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the Houſe that the Council have paſſed the Bill entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for explaining and amending an Act for enabling the Owners of Meadows*, &c. *in* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide*, &c. without any Amendment.

Mr. *Johnſton* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Cooke*.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in certain Clauſes for laying a Tax on the Province, to be added to the *ſupport Bill*, which were read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour to foreign Markets*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame do paſs or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
John Stevens,	*John Deacon*,	*John Wetherill*,
John Johnſton,	*William Cooke*,	*Robert Lawrence*,
Shobal Smith,	*William Mickle*,	*James Holmes*,
John Low,	*Joſeph Ellis*,	*Barzillai Newbold*,
Robert Ogden,	*William Hancock*,	*Aaron Leaming*,
John Van Middleſworth,	*Richard Wood*,	*William Mott*,
Hendrick Fiſher,	*Jacob Spicer*,	
Derick Dye,	*John Emley*.	
Cornelius Vanvorſt,		

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Stevens* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Remonſtrance of *William Foſter*, Eſq; was read the ſecond time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday, October 5. 1751.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *William Evelman*, ſetting forth, that he was born in *Flanders*, under a foreign Allegiance, in Amity with *Great-Britain*, and praying to be naturalized; and Certificates being produced of his having taken the Qualifications according to Law.

Ordered,
That the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of his Petition. And a Bill *for naturalizing* William Evelman, was accordingly brought in and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Clauſes to be added to the *ſupport* Bill, for laying a Tax on the Province, were read the ſecond time, and committed to the Committee on the *ſupport Bill*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government and ſettling the Quotas*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 7. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for enabling* William Evelman *to hold Lands*, &c. was read the ſecond time, and committed to Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Holmes*.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſettling the Quotas*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Johnſton*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Tueſday

Tueſday, October 8. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſettling the Quotas*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke* reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſettling the Quotas*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matters to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, October 9. 1751

The Houſe met

The Houſe being informed, that one Dr. *Billings* had wrote and publiſhed a ſcandalous Libel upon ſundry Perſons, among which is the *Speaker* of this Houſe,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do iſſue his Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms, to forthwith take the ſaid Dr. *Billings* into Cuſtody, and bring him to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer ſuch Matters as ſhall be alledged againſt him.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſettling the Quotas*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matters to them referr'd, and deſir'd leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Serjeant at Arms, according to order, brought Dr. *Billings* to the Bar of the Houſe, and he acknowledging the Paper he was charged with, to be his Hand writing, and asking Pardon of Mr. *Speaker* and the Houſe; after being ſuitably reprimanded, was diſcharged, paying his Fees.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till 2 P. M.

The

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſettling the Quotas:* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matters to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 10. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government and ſetling the Quotas:* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke* reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matters to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjorn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of of the whole Houſe, to Proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government and ſettling the Quotas:* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the matters to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday October 11. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon, &c.* reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion, agreed to by the Houſe:

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill; *to enable William Evelman to hold Lands*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for ſupport of Government and ſettling the Quotas:* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Proprefs in the matters to them referr'd, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe that the Council have paſſed the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour*, &c. without any Amendment.

The Houſe adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Bill *for upport of Government and ſettling the Quotas:* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and come to ſundry Reſolutions thereon; And with leave he reported the ſame as follows,

Reſolved,
That the Government be ſupported for one Year and three Months, to Commence the Tenth Day of *Auguſt* 1751. and to End the Tenth Day of *November* 1752. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,
That in and by the ſaid Bill when paſſed into a Law, there be paid,
To his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, for his Salary, at the Rate of *One Thouſand Pounds per Annum*, during the ſaid one Year and three Months.

And on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſs'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
John Stevens,	*William Cooke*,	*Robert Lawrence*,
John Johnſton,	*Barzillai Newbold*,	*James Holmes*,
John Wetherill,	*John Deacon*,	*William Mott*,
Shobal Smith,	*William Mickle*,	who all voted
John Low,	*Joſeph Ellis*,	for Scott.
Robert Ogden,	*William Hancock*,	
John Van Middleſworth,	*Richard Wood*,	
Hendrick Viſher,	*Aaron Leaming*,	
Derick Dye,	*Jacob Spicer*,	
Cornelius Vanhorſt	*John Emley*,	

To

To the Second and Third Judges of the Supream Court, for the Time being at the Rate of *Twenty five Pounds*, each per Annum.

To the Treaſurers for the time being, at the Rate of *Forty Pounds* each per Annum.

To the Attorney General for the Time being, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds*, per Annum.

To the Clerk of the Council for the time being, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds* per Annum,

To *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, at the Rate of *Eighty Pounds*, per Annum.

To the Clerk of the Circuits at the Rate of *Twenty Pounds*, per Annum

To the Door Keeper of the Council, at the Rate of *Ten Pounds* per Annum.

To the Governor for the time being, for Houſe Rent at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds*, per Annum.

To either of the Judges of the Supream Courts for attending Courts of *niſi Prius* and *Oyer and Terminer*, purſuant to the Act, *Ten Pounds*.

To the Council each *Six Shillings*, *per Diem*, each, for the time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend at any Sitting of General Aſſembly, within ſaid one Year and three Months.

To *Samuel Smith*, one of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for his Attendance in manner aforeſaid, *Eight Shillings*, *per Diem*, alſo *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, and entering the Votes in the Journal of the Houſe this Seſſion, and *One Pound Ten Shillings* for Pen, Ink and Paper.

To *Thomas Bartow*, Eſq; the other Clerk, for his Attendance in Manner aforeſaid, *eight Shillings per Diem.* Alſo *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes &c. within the ſaid one Year and three Months.

To the Serjeant at Arms, for the time being, attending the Houſe of Repreſentatives in Manner aforeſaid, *Three Shillings*, *per Diem.*

To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, attending the Council in manner aforeſaid, *Three Shillings per Diem.*

To the Door Keeper, for the Time being, attending the Houſe of Repreſentatives in manner aforeſaid, *Three Shillings*, *per Diem.*

To the Secretary for Services done to the beginning of this Seſſion, *three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and four Pence.*

To *William Bradford* for Printing Proclamations relating to Rioters and Iron Works, *three Pounds*: To all which the Houſe agreed.

To *William Bradford*, in Part of his Account for two Articles being Proclamations for two Days of Thankſgivings, and two Days of Faſts.

On the Queſtion whether the ſaid Charges be allowed or not? It paſſed in Negative.

Yeas

Yeas.	*Nays.*	*Nays.*
Robert Lawrence,	*John Stevens,*	*Barzillai Newbold*
James Holmes,	*John Johnston,*	*William Mickle,*
John Low,	*John Wetherill,*	*Joseph Ellis,*
Robert Ogden,	*Shobal Smith,*	*William Hancock,*
John Vanmiddlesworth,	*Derick Dye,*	*Richard Wood,*
Hendrick Fisher,	*Cornelius Vanvorst,*	*Aaron Leaming,*
	John Deacon,	*Jacob Spicer,*
	William Cooke,	*William Mott,*

To *Samuel Smith*, for two Sets of the *Pennsylvania* Laws, purchased by him, *three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and six-pence.*

To *Thomas Rogers*, for Fire Wood, *one Pound Twelve Shillings and six Pence.*

To *John Deacon*, Esq; ditto, *nineteen Shillings and Sixpence*, and so much as he shall agree to pay for the Use of a Room and Candles for the House, during this or any other Sitting in the said Time not exceeding *Twenty Shillings*, per Week.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq. in full of his Account, for taking Coiners &c. *ten Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence.*

To Mr. *Richard Smith*, for Sundry Services in full of his Account, *Sixty Six Pounds Ten Shillings.*

To the Speaker and each Member of the House of Representatives, *Six Shillings per Diem* each, for the time they have respectively attended, or shall attend at any Sittings of General Assembly, within the said one Year and three Months

To *William Bradford*, or any other Printer, for Printing the Votes and Laws at the Sittings within the said one Year and three Months, such Sum as *Charles Read*, *William Cooke*, and *Joseph Ellis*, Esqrs. or any two of them shall agree for; also the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, for one Hundred and Sixty bound Books of the Laws of this Colony, as agreed for with *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; when they shall be delivered, according to the Directions of the General Assembly.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *Fourteen Shillings*, per Week, for the Use of a Room, Firewood and Candle for the Council, during this or any other Sitting of General Assembly, within the said Term.

To all which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 12. 1751.

The House met.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Bill *for support of Government, and settling the Quotas*; and a Motion being made on that part of the grand Committees report, touching the Value of the several Counties, and the Question put, what the lowest Value the Lands in each respective County shall be reckoned at? It was carried as follows.

John Stevens

See No. 69. p.
and No. 97. p.

	Middlesex,	Monmouth	Essex,	Somerset	Bergen	Burlington	Glocester	Salem	Cumberland	Cape May	Hunterdon	Morris
	£.											
John Stevens	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0
John Johnston,	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0
John Wetherill,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Shobald Smith,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Robert Lawrence,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
James Holmes,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
John Low,	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0
Robert Ogden,	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0
John Vanmiddlesworth,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Hendrick Fisher	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Derick Dye,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Cornelius Vanvorst,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
John Deacon,	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	4 0 0
William Cook,	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	4 0 0
Barzillia Newbold,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
William Mickle,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Joseph Ellis,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
William Hancock,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Richard Wood,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Aaron Leaming,	15 0 0	15 0 0	6 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	6 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
Jacob Spicer,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
William Mot,	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	5 0 0
John Emley,	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0

And the ſeveral Amendments made by the Grand Committee to the ſaid Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſettling the Quotas*, being now read in their Places, and ſome additional Amendments made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be Engroſſed.

A Motion being made, that all the Laws of this Colony, paſſed ſince the Collection made by *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; ſhould be added and bound up with the One Hundred and Sixty Books of ſaid Laws, agreed for by a former Houſe.

Ordered,
That a compleat Set of all the Laws paſſed to the End of this Seſſion, be added and bound up with each Book of the ſaid Collection agreed for by this Houſe, and that this Houſe will provide for the Expence both of the ſaid additional Laws and a ſuitable Table made to be thereto.

Mr. *Spicer* had leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 14. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns and hunting by Perſons not qualified*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Holmes* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday October 15. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the* tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1751, *and to End the* tenth *Day of* November 1752. *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof, and for ſettling the Quotas in the reſpective Counties, and levying of a Provincial Tax*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame do paſs or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Sobal Smith,	*William Cooke,*	*John Stevens,*
Robert Lawrence,	*Barzillia Newbold,*	*John Johnſton,*
James Holmes,	*William Hancock,*	
John Low,	*Richard Wood,*	
Robert Ogden,	*Aaron Leaming,*	
Hendrick Fiſher,	*William Mott,*	
Derick Dye,	*John Emley.*	
John Deacon,		

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing* William Evelman, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,
That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Holmes* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf delivered the Bills with them entruſted, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Ogden* had leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered,
That the Printer of this Colony do ſend out of the 160 Bound Books of the Laws, agreed for by the General Aſſembly, when they are finiſhed, to the Members of each reſpective County,

For the Uſe of	*Middleſex*	15	*Glouceſter*	11
	Monmouth	9	*Salem*	9
	Eſſex	9	*Cumberland*	9
	Somerſet	9	*Cape-May*	7
	Bergen	8	*Hunterdon*	12
	Burlington	19	*Morris*	11

To

To be diſtrubuted in each County as follows.

To the Members each	1
Firſt Judge of the County	1
Clerk of the County	1
To the Clerk of each Precinct for the Uſe of the Freeholders with the ſame	1
Mayors each	1
Clerk of each Corporation	1

And the remainder of the ſaid Law Books ſhall be ſent to either of the Treaſurers to be diſtributed as follows,

To the GOVERNOR	1	Attorney General	1
Each of the Council	1	Clerks of the Houſe, for the Uſe of the Houſe, each	1
Each of the Judges of the Supream Court	1	Clerk of the Council	1
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	The Agent	1
Treaſurers each	1		

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow morning.

Wedneſday, October 16. 1751.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, and ſome additional Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 17. 1751.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, *a poor diſtreſſed Priſoner for Debt, in the Gaol of the County of* Somerſet, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed by the late Aſſembly to ſearch for Records and other authentick Inſtruments relating to the fundamental Conſtitutions of this Colony, or any three of them, do write to the Agent

That

of this Colony for Copies (properly atteſted) of all the Papers relating to the ſurrender of the Government to the Crown by the Proprietors; and to inform the ſaid Agent, that this Houſe will by a future Law provide for the Expences that may attend the procuring ſuch Copies.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday, October 18. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr, *Van Middleſworth* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That the King's Printer of this Colony, do print all the Laws that ſhall be paſſed this Seſſion, and ſend them ſtitch'd together, with all convenient ſpeed, to the ſeveral Members of this Houſe.

For the Uſe of	*Middleſex*,	25	*Glouceſter*	25	
	Monmouth	30	*Salem*	21	
	Eſſex	15	*Cumberland*	21	
	Somerſet	20	*Cape-May*	15	
	Bergen	17	*Hunterdon*	29	
	Burlington	50	*Morris*	30	

To be diſtributed in each County as follows,

To the Members each	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Firſt Judge of the County	1	To each Aſſeſſor	1
Clerk of the County	1	To the Collector of each Precinct	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1		
Mayors, each	1		

And there ſhall be given

To the GOVERNOR	4	Treaſurers each	1
Each of the Council	1	Attorney General	1
Each of the Judges of the Supream Court	1	Clerks of the Houſe each	1
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	Clerk of the Council	1
		The Agent	4

Ordered, That the ſaid Printer print 247 Sets of the Votes of the Houſe this Seſſion, and ſend 48 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion, to be diſtributed as follows, to the Governor 8. To each of the Council 2. To the Agent 6. To the Officers of the Houſe and Council, each 1 And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows,

Perth-Amboy	10	*Somerſet*	18	*Glouceſter*	16
Middleſex	16	*Bergen*	16	*Salem* & *Cumberland*	20
Monmouth	20	*Burlington* City	10	*Cape-May*	12
Eſſex	20	*Burlington* County	16	*Hunterdon* & *Morris*	25

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, made the following Report, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Dr. The Colony of *New-Jerſey* for Monies given and Lent His Majeſty

1740 *July*	By Act paſſed for making current £. 2000 there was given towards the Weſt-India Expedition, the Sum of Vide Minutes of the Houſe *October* 28 1741.	2000	0 0
1745 *June* 1	By Act of Aſſembly there was given towards the *Cape-Breton* Expedition the Sum of Vide Votes *October* 3d. 1745 and *March* 8. 1745-6.	2000	0 0
1746 *June* 28	By Act to encourage the Inliſting of 500 Freemen, &c. in the Expedition againſt *Canada*, &c. there was given the Sum of	6000	0 0
1746 *Novem.* 1	By an Act to make current 850 *l.* in Bills of Credit, there was given the farther Sum of	850	0 0
1747 *May* 9	By an Act to make current 1000 *l.* in Bills of Credit, there was given towards the ſaid *Canada* Expedition, the further Sum of	1000	0 0
	Theſe Sums given in the Years 1740, 1746, and 1747 were to be replaced by Intereſt ariſing from the Bills of Credit, but that fund failing, the ſaid Sums were left as Debts upon the Colony		
	By Act paſſed in *June* 1746 for making current 10,000 *l* the whole, or any Part thereof which was needful, was lent to His Majeſty for Arming and Cloathing the Forces raiſed in this Colony on the Expedition againſt *Canada*; and it was then expected that His Majeſty would order the ſame to be repaid to this Colony. The Sum drawn out of the Treaſuries on that Occaſion, was	8746	4 6
1747 *February*	By Bill for Support of Government, there was allowed to *Peter* and *Philip Schuyler* on Account of the Proviſions for the Forces raiſed in this Colony, on the Expedition againſt *Canada*, the Sum of	623	17 8
	Allowed by the ſame Bill, for Subſiſtance of ſaid Forces after the Day of Muſter, and which was not provided for by any other Law	476	5 0
	If it ſhould be the Will of the Honourable Houſe to allow Mr. *Partridge*'s Account, mentioned and incloſed in his Letter to *Richard* and *Daniel Smith*, and *William Cooke*, Eſqrs. of *February* 9. 1750. there will be a Deduction of £. 733 4 11 Sterling, out of the Sum of £. 2231 18 4 Sterling, which laſt mentioned Sum was all that could be obtained in repayment for the abovefaid £. 8746 4 6 Proclamation, which ſaid Sum of £. 733 4 11 Sterl. muſt be in that Caſe provided for; the ſame reduced to currency at 170 *per Cent.* amounts to	1246	10 6
	Of this Sum about £. 97 5 4 was the Expences which unavoidably attended the negociating and receiving of the ſaid *l.* 2231 18 4 Sterling, and may be juſtly attributed to the Share *New-Jerſey* had in the ſaid Wars.		
	The remainder of the ſaid Ten Thouſand Pounds (ſtruck to lend the Crown) being *l.* 1253 15 6 was applied towards Support of Government, by an Act *to ſubject certain parcels of Credit*, &c. paſſed *February* 1747.	1253	15 6
	The conducting the ſeveral Matters herein mentioned, and other Things relating to ſaid Wars, have created ſeveral other Debts on ſaid Colony, which has they have been heretofore provided for, renders them leſs needful to be particularized here.		
		£. 24196	13 2

in the late Wars with *Spain* and *France* *per Contra Cr.*

1745 *June*	The 2000 *l.* given towards the *Cape-Breton* Expedition, was taken out of the Intereſt	2000	0 0
1747-8	Drawn out of the Intereſt Money for diſcharging *Peter* and *Philip Schuyler*'s Accounts, as allowed by the Support Bill, paſſed 1747	623	17 8
	The Subſiſtance Money after the Day of Muſter, as allowed by the ſaid Bill taken from the ſame Fund	476	5 0
1750	Said to be paid (by His Majeſty's Orders) to Mr. *Partridge*, Agent for this Colony at the Britiſh Court, as per his Letter and Account of *February* 9. 1750, the Sum of *l.* 2231 18 4 Sterling, which being reduced to Currency at 170 *per Cent*, Exchange, amounts to 3794 10 2 which was all that could be obtained on Account of the *l.* 8-4) 4 6 lent the Crown, and there are even very large Deductions from that Sum, as per Dr. Side of this Account	3794	10 2
1746 *June*	Of that 6000 *l.* which was given towards the Encouragement of inliſting 500 Freemen, the Sum of 2000 *l.* was taken out of the Intereſt	2000	0 0
	There is a Ballance of *l.* 15302 0 3 outſtanding in Paper Money for which a ſinking Fund muſt be provided.	15302	0 3
		£. 24196	13 5

A Meſſage

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, with the Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer*, &c. and acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the ſame with one Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Mr. *Leonard* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing* William Evelman, without any Amendment. And the ſaid Amendment to the ſaid Bill *to prevent the killing of Deer*, &c. was read in its Place, and an additional Amendment being made thereto by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Holmes* do carry the ſaid Bill, and Amendment to the Councils Amendment, to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of *Johannes, Nevius's* Petition, and the Complaint he makes of not getting any Redreſs by his Application to Court on an extortionate Bill of Coſt, to refer his Caſe to the Judges of the Supream Court to be enquired into, and redreſs'd as far as is conſiſtent with Juſtice and the Laws of the Colony. And the ſaid Judges are further deſired, to ſee that the Law for aſcertaining Fees, be in all Caſes ſtrictly put in Execution.

The Houſe adjourn'd, till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 19. 1751.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, with the Bill engroſſed, with the Amendments agreed upon by both Houſes, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon*, &c. which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Emley* and *Holmes* do return the ſaid Bill to the Council to be laid before the Governor.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Salter*, with the Bill entitled, *An Act to veſt the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Burlington *with the Ferry*, &c. and acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the ſame with one Amendment, which was read in its place, and on the Queſtion, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to veſt the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Burlington, *with the Ferry from the ſaid City*, &c. re-engroſſed with the Councils Amendment, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Deacon* and Mr. *Newbold* do return the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Leonard*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Deacon* reported, that Mr. *Newbold* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Saltar*, with the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, &c. and acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And the ſaid Amendments being read in their Places, on the Queſtion whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Amendments be diſagreed to, and that the Houſe adheres to the Bill in the Parts amended.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them with the Reſolutions of the Houſe thereupon.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 21. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that he had received from the Council, by Mr. *Saltar*, a Meſſage to acquaint the Houſe, that the Council doth unanimouſly adhere to their Amendments to the Bill entitled, *An Act for*

the Relief of Joſeph Boney, &c. On the Queſtion whether the Houſe ſhould deſire a Conferrence thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Mott*, and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, be a Committee to meet a Committee of the Council on a free Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Bill; and that Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Smith* do acquaint the Council therewith, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, and appoint Time and Place.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, with the Bill entitled, *An Act for the ſupport of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, &c. acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the ſame, with ſundry Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And the ſaid Amendments were read in their Places, and on the Queſtion whether the Houſe rejects the ſaid Amendments or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, nemine Contradicente,
That this Houſe doth reject the ſaid Amendments, and adhere to the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Hude* and Mr. *Saltar*, a Committee to meet the Committee of this Houſe, on the free Conference propos'd, with relation to the Bill *for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, &c. at the Houſe of *Fretwell Wright*, at 3 o'Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

A Motion being made whether a Meſſage be ſent to his Excellency, to know when he will be pleaſed to be waited upon by the Houſe, in order to their preſenting the Bill *for ſupport of Government*. And on the Queſtion, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
John Wetherill,	*Derick Dye*,	*John Stevens*,
Sobal Smith,	*Cornelius Vanvorſt*	*John Johnſton*,
Robert Lawrence,	*William Mickle*,	*John Deacon*,
James Holmes,	*Richard Wood*,	*William Cooke*,
John Van Middleſworth,	*Aaron Leaming*,	*Barzillia Newbold*,
Hendrick Fiſher,	*William Mott*,	*Joſeph Ellis*,
		William Hancock,
		John Emley.

Mr. *Speaker* deſired of the Houſe, that his Diſſent might be enter'd to the above Motion, which was granted.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Mott*, and Mr. *Holmes*, do wait upon his Excellency, and know when he will be attended upon by this Houſe with the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Dye* do return to the Council their propos'd Amendments to the Bill entitled, *An Act for ſupport of Go ernment*, &c. and acquaint them, that this Houſe doth reject the ſame, *nemine Contradicente*, and adhere to the Bill in the Parts amended.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that the Gentlemen and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Governor; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider it and ſend an Anſwer to morrow.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Dye* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage and propos'd Amendments with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday October 22. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the Houſe a Meſſage received from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, in the Words following.

'*Council-Chamber. October* 21. 1751.

'This Houſe having conſider'd the Meſſage of the Aſſembly of this 'Day by Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Dye*, with the Amendments which this 'Houſe made and annexed to the Bill entitled, *An Act for ſupport of Govern-* 'ment, &c. and without the ſaid Bill itſelf, are inclined to ſuppoſe, that 'the ſaid Amendments have been ſeparated from the ſaid Bill by ſome 'Miſtake, for the Bill and Amendments made one entire Thing, the 'Parts whereof could not lawfully be ſeparated without our Conſent.

'*Ordered*, That Mr. *Kemble* do carry a Copy of the above Minute to 'the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt that they would inform this 'Houſe, how the ſaid Amendments came to be ſeparated from the ſaid 'Bill; and as that Houſe has rejected the ſaid Amendments, that they 'would ſend back the ſaid Bill to this Houſe, that we may conſider, 'whether we ought to receede from or adhere to our Amendments afore- 'ſaid.

'*By order of the Houſe*,

Thomas Lloyd, Clerk.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee appointed on a free Conference with a Committee of the Council on the ſubject Matter of the Bill *for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, &c. reported, that the Committees met at the Place propos'd; and the Committee of the Council adhering to the Councils Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and the Committee of this Houſe diſagreeing thereto adhered unanimouſly to the Bill as paſs'd by this Houſe,

Houſe, and therefore could come upon no Terms of Agreement. And on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Report or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Wood* do carry the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Joſeph Boney, &c. together with the Councils Amendments thereto, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe having conſider'd the Report of the Committee on the Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Bill and Amendments do agree thereto, and adhere to the Bill in the parts amended.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met

Mr. *Newbold* reported, that Mr. *Wood* and himſelf delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

On a Motion made and the Queſtion put, whether the following Meſſage be ſent to the Council or not? It was carried as follows.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
John Wetherill,	*Derick Dye*,	*John Stevens*
Shobald Smith,	*Cornelius Vanvorſt*,	*John Johnſton*,
Robert Lawrence,	*Richard Wood*,	*John Deacon*,
James Holmes,	*Aaron Leaming*,	*William Cook*,
John Vanmiddleſworth,	*William Mott*,	*Barzillai Newbold*,
Hendrick Iſhor		*William Mickle*,
		Joſeph Ellis,
		William Hancock,
		John Emley,

Mr. *Speaker* alſo deſired his Diſſent might be entered to the ſaid Meſſage, which was granted.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Meſſage of the Council of Yeſterday by Mr. *Kemble*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the propos'd Amendments to the Bill *for ſupport of Government*, &c. were ſeparated from the ſaid Bill by the Houſe of Aſſembly's unanimouſly rejecting them; and as they could be of no Service to this Houſe, we knew of no Method more proper, than the returning them to the Council.

That this Houſe has kept the ſaid Bill in order to be preſented to his Excellency by the Hands of our *Speaker*, which the Aſſembly did in conformity to that auguſt Houſe of Commons of *England*, and the antient Practice of the Aſſemblies of *New-Jerſey*.

That upon ſearching the Minutes of the General Aſſembly, we find the following Preſidents, *viz.*

' *April* 25. 1722. The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for ſupport* ' *of his Majeſty's Government for five Years*, being read in the Houſe, the ' Queſtion was put, whether the ſaid Bill, as now Engroſſed, do paſs or ' not ? It was carried in the Affimative, *nemine Contradicente.*

' *Reſolved*,

' That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

' *Ordered*, That Mr. *Kinſey* and Mr. *Ogden* do wait on his Excellency, ' and know when this Houſe ſhall attend him with the Bill *for ſupport of* ' *Government for five Years.* Mr. *Kinſey* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and ' himſelf had waited on his Excellency accordingly, who was pleaſed to ' ſay, he would receive them immediately.

' Mr. *Speaker*, with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency, and delivered ' his Excellency in Council, the Bill *for ſupport of his Majeſty's Govern-* ' *ment for five Years*, which he was pleaſed to receive, and thanked the ' Houſe, becauſe it was done with an unuſal and chearful Unanimity.'

That the Inſtance above mentioned happened during the Adminiſtration of Governor *Burnet*, and that Mr. *Morris* (afterwards Governor *Morris*) preſided that Day in Council.

That on the 22d. of *November* 1723, another Bill *for ſupport of Govern-ment*, was delivered to his ſaid Excellency by the Hands of the *Speaker* as aforeſaid. That the Minutes of the Houſe of Aſſembly of the 16th of *Auguſt* 1725, affords us another Preſident of the ſame kind, to which Governor *Burnet*, in pathetick and lively Terms, profeſſed his Satisfaction and Pleaſure: And that Mr. *Alexander* was then one of the Gentlemen of the ſaid Council. That the ſame Practice wa again repeated on the 4th of *July*, 1730. And that two Money Bills were delivered to the Governor on the 15th of *Auguſt* 1733, Mr. *Kinſey* being Speaker of the Aſſembly, in theſe two laſt Inſtances.

The Concurrence of the Legiſlature in this Practice for ſuch a ſeries of Years, when they had the Aſſiſtance of the Governors *Burnet* and *Morris*, Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Kinſey*, (whoſe extended knowledge of Government needs no Illuſtration) we think ſufficient Preſidents to juſtify the Aſſembly reſpecting the Premiſes.

Our firſt ſending the Bill in Queſtion to the Council, proceeded from that Spirit of complacency and hearty deſire of doing every Thing in our Power to propagate a good harmony among the Branches of the Legiſlature; and conſidering the preſent unhappy Circumſtances of this Colony, we were even willing to ſuſpend ſome of our Priviledges when that conduct ſeemed to be moſt ſatisfactory to the Council; but the Bill returning with ſuch a train of Alterations to the Subſtance thereof, ſufficiently convinced this Houſe, that the yielding our Priviledges was not the Way to eſtabliſh Harmony; therefore we returned the ſaid propoſed Amendments to the Council, to whom they ſeemed moſt properly to belong; and retained the ſaid Bill in order to preſent the ſame by the Hands of our Speaker to his Excellency, to be by his ſaid Excellency

laid before the Council for Concurence This Houſe alſo conſidering, while the old and approved Method of preſenting the *ſupport Bills* to the Governor by the Speaker, was in Practice, it generally had a much happier Iſſue than ſince it hath been omitted; for than the Governor had an Opportunity of peruſing thoſe Bills, and conſider the reaſonableneſs of them; as well as the Council, and be a Witneſs of the Readineſs and Chearfulneſs of the People to ſupport His Majeſty's Government, which we conceive is highly reaſonable for the Governor, as he is ſo nearly concerned therein, whereas on the contrary, if ſuch Bills were firſt ſent to the Council, and they ſhould refuſe to paſs them, the Governor it is very probable may never read or conſider them.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Saltar* in the Words following.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Saltar* do carry back to the Aſſembly, the Bill entitled, '*An Act for the Relief of Joſeph Bonney* &c. together with the Amend-'ments of this Houſe thereto, and acquaint them, that this Houſe 'looks upon the ſaid Meſſage of the Aſſembly, and their ſending hither 'the ſaid Bill and Amendments in this Caſe to be unprecedented, uſe-'leſs and irregular.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council in the Words following.

'*Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.*

'I have conſidered your Meſſage of yeſterday, reſpecting your bring-'ing me the Bill paſt in your Houſe, *for the ſupport of Govern-'ment, and for levying a Provincial Tax*; and upon Examination of the 'publick Records of this Province, I can find no Inſtance of any Bill 'having been laid before the Governor, after it had been ſent up to the 'Council and ſeveral Amendments made thereto by them, till it had 'thereafter the Concurrence of the Council; and therefore to bring 'this Bill to me, would be irregular and out of the conſtant Courſe of 'the Proceedings of the Aſſemblies of this Province; nor do I think it 'could poſſibly Anſwer any good Purpoſe. I would alſo add, that I 'find by your Minutes of Yeſterday, that you have ſeparated the Amend-'ments made by the Council from the Bill, and have ſent them back to 'the Council, ſo that you are not now poſſeſſed of the Bill ſo far as 'it has been paſſed by the Council and the Aſſembly; and were not 'this the Caſe, I could not receive the Bill from you for the Reaſon 'before mentioned.'

Burlington,
October 22, 1751. J. BELCHER.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the *Speaker* in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Ellis* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for ſupport of Government* &c. to the Council, that they may conſider, whether

whether they ought to recede from or adhere to their Amendments pursuant to their Requeſt to this Houſe in their Meſſage of Yeſterday.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, October 23. 1751.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Ellis* and himſelf delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Memorial from about four Hundred and Thirty of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of different Parts of the Weſtern Diviſion, ſetting forth, that the Soil and Government of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, were granted by King CHARLES the ſecond, to his Brother *James*, Duke of *York*; and by him to *John* Lord *Berkeley* and Sir *George Carteret*, and by them to under Proprietors, who entered into Conceſſions and Agreements with the firſt Setlers; and for certain Conſiderations, granted them divers unalienable Privileges, by Virtue of which our Forefathers were induced, at a great Hazard and Expence, to cultivate and improve this then Wilderneſs Country.

That the Province becoming very early, by an Agreement between the Proprietors, two diſtinct Governments, by the Names *Eaſt* and *Weſt New-Jerſey*, each with a ſeparate Governor, Council and Aſſembly, and with different Privileges, Independent on each other, as ſuch were ſeparately cultivated and improved, under different Governments and Intereſts and continued in this Situation many Years.

That in Year 1702 by an Agreement among the Proprietors of each Diviſion, the Powers of Government where ſurrendred up to the Crown; but the Privileges the Proprietors had in Virtue of the Right of the Crown conveyed to the firſt Settlers remained; and were confirmed to them and their Poſterity, and the ſaid Provinces became united under one Government.

That in Purſuance of the Terms of the ſaid Surrender, and conformable to the ſaid granted Privileges, the King in his Inſtructions to all the Governors ever ſince, has (as the Memorialiſts are informed) ſtrictly commanded, that the Number of the Gentlemen of the Council in each Diviſion, ſhould be equal; the Reaſon and Neceſſity of which is plain, that as it is an Inſtruction to the Governor to take the Advice of Council in the Nomination of the ſeveral Officers of the Government, and which are to be appointed, not only in the different Diviſions but in different Parts of thoſe Diviſions, that the Gentlemen of the Council, ſhould be acquainted with the Perſons in the ſeveral Parts of the Province, that they are to be conſulted about; it being impoſſible that thoſe appointed for the Eaſtern Diviſion, ſhould be properly acquainted with Perſons fit for Officers in the Weſtern Diviſion, which is in ſeveral Parts more than a Hundred Miles diſtant; and the recommending unſuitable

ſuitable Perſons to Offices of Truſt in the Government, cannot but be looked upon a great Oppreſſion and Injury to the People. Beſides the Gentlemen of the Council reſiding in different Parts of the Province, will enable them to inform the Governor of the Circumſtances of that Part where they reſide, of the Nature of Complaints againſt Officers in all Parts of the Province, and of other Matters that may come before him in Council. And as the Council is entruſted with a great ſhare of the Rights and Privileges of the People, and the Intereſts of the two Diviſions are in ſome Caſes different from each other, the Inhabitants of either Diviſion muſt conſequently be unequally repreſented at that Honourable Board, whenever the Numbers from each are unequal.

That for ſeveral Years paſt, but *four* Gentlemen out of *twelve* have been appointed in the Weſtern Diviſion; and the Places of two of theſe lately becoming vacant, are now filled (as the Memorialiſts are informed) with two Gentlemen in the Eaſtern Diviſion, which there is reaſon to apprehend was done from the Recommendation of private Gentlemen of the ſaid Diviſion, without any previous Application to the Governor, or Knowledge of his, tho' the Governor being on the Spot, and well acquainted with the People and having (as they are informed) the King's Royal Command for that Purpoſe, was not wanting in his Duty to the King and Province, in recommending ſuitable Perſons, agreeable to his Inſtructions; ſo that of Twelve Gentlemen of the Council, there is now but two appointed in the Weſtern Diviſion. Nine of the ſaid Gentlemen living and having their Intereſts principally in the Eaſtern Diviſion; and one, contrary to all Precedent, and the King's ſtrict Commands, reſiding in *New-York*. And alledging, that as theſe are well known Matters of Fact, in themſelves obviouſly injurious and unequal, and contrary to the Rights and Privileges granted to the Memorialiſts Fore-fathers and their Poſterity; ſo they are well aſſured, from the whole Tenure of our moſt gracious Sovereigns juſt and equal Adminiſtration, diſtinguiſhed by every mark of Goodneſs to them his faithful Subjects, they would ſoon be redreſſed if duly repreſented to the King's Miniſters; for which Reaſon they pray the Houſe would take the important Premiſes into Conſideration, and purſue ſuch Meaſures for their Relief therein, as ſhall be thought moſt conſiſtent with their Duty to the King and the Intereſt of the Province; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Mickle*, be a Committee to enquire into the Truth of the Facts therein contained, and report their Sentiments to the Houſe at the next ſitting of General Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, in the Words following.

'*Council Chamber*, *October* 22. 1751.

'This Houſe having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage of the Aſ-
'ſembly of this Day by Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming*, are ſorry to
'find thereby; that the ſeparating our Amendments from the *ſupport*,

'*Bill*

'*Bill*, was not a miſtake as we were willing to ſuppoſe, but a delibe-
'rate Act of the Houſe of Aſſembly; and are far from thinking that any
'Thing in the ſaid Meſſage ſet forth, does juſtify that unprecedented
'Conduct; and we are well aſſured they cannot ſhow a Precedent of
'that auguſt Houſe of Commons of *England* to countenance ſuch an
'unlawful Act, unleſs in that Houſe that voted King and Lords uſe-
'leſs; nor do we know or ever heard of any ſuch Piece of Practice
'by any Aſſembly of *New-Jerſey*, antient or Modern, nor do the pre-
'cedents cited by the Aſſembly, in the leaſt Countenance ſuch a Prac-
'tice. As to what the Aſſembly ſays, that they have ſuſpended and
'yielded ſome of their Privileges in Complacency to this Houſe, we
'Anſwer, that we never deſired them to do ſo, and if they have done ſo,
'we are far from thanking them for betraying the Truſt the People
'has repoſed in them: aſſuring them, we ſhall be always for maintaining
'the Rights and Privileges of the People.

Ordered,

'That Mr. *Kemble* do deliver a Copy of the above Minute to the
'Houſe of Aſſembly.

'By Order of the Houſe,

'*Thomas Lloyd* Clerk.'

Mr. *Kemble* alſo communicated to the Houſe the following Meſſage from the Council.

'*Council Chamber*, October 22 1751.

'The Houſe of Aſſembly having ſent to this Houſe the Bill *for ſupport*
'*of Government*, &c. purſuant to the Meſſage of this Houſe of Yeſterday,
'and this Houſe having maturely conſidered the ſaid Bill, and Amend-
'ments of this Houſe thereto, do unanimouſly adhere to the ſaid A-
'mendments.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Kemble* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly with the
'preceeding Minute, and do acquaint them, that this Houſe Requeſts,
'a Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Amendments; and
'that this Houſe has appointed Mr. *Alexander*, Mr. *Johnſton* and
'Mr. *Saltar* to be a Committee to confer thereon, with a Committee
'to be appointed by the Houſe of Aſſembly, and that the ſaid Com-
'mittees meet for that Purpoſe at the Sign of the blue Anchor, at
'the Hour of Eleven to morrow in the Forenoon,

'By Order of the Houſe

'*Thomas Lloyd* Clerk.'

The Houſe having conſidered the laſt of the ſaid Meſſages and the Queſtion being put whether the Conference propoſed, be agreed to, or not? It was carried in the Negative, *nemine Contradicente*.

Reſolved, *nemine Contradicente*,

That the Council have no Right to amend a Money Bill, and therefore this Houſe doth unanimouſly refuſe the Conferrence propoſed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnſton* do carry a Copy of the above Minute to the Council.

Ordered,

That the Committee on the Treaſurers Accounts have leave to defer making their Report till next Seſſions if they cannot conveniently do it this Seſſion; and that Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnſton* do wait upon the Council with a Copy of this Minute, and deſire to know, if they have any Objections againſt this Houſe applying to His Excellency to be diſmiſſed.

Ordered

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fiſher* be a Committee to prepare a Draft of an humble Petition to lay the Grievances of the Colony before His Majeſty for Redreſs, and make Report to the Houſe at the next Sitting of General Aſſembly.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Councils firſt Meſſage of Yeſterday by Mr. *Kemble*.

Reſolved,

That we have not yielded the Peoples or our Privileges, nor have we ſaid ſo in the Meſſage cited. And as to the Councils *maintaining the Rights and Privileges of the People*, as its what we never heard of before, we are willing they ſhould uninterruptedly enjoy the Praiſe they are pleaſed to beſtow on themſelves. And notwithſtanding their lugging the Rebellious Parliament into this Debate, we would in Charity hope, they do not deſire to introduce Confuſions, which if they do, God avert.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf delivered the Meſſages with them entruſted to the Council.

On a Motion made, and the Queſtion put, that the above Reſolution, in Anſwer to the Councils firſt Meſſage of Yeſterday, ſhould be taken off the Minutes? It was carried as follows.

Yeas.	Nays,	Nays.
John Stevens	*John Wetherill*,	*Derick Dye*,
John Johnſton,	*Shobald Smith*,	*Cornelius Vanvorſt*,
John Deacon,	*Robert Lawrence*,	*Barzillia Newbold*,
William Cook,	*James Holmes*,	*Richard Wood*,
Joſeph Ellis,	*John Vanmiddleſworth*,	*Aaron Leaming*,
	Hendrick Fiſher	*William Mott.*

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Kemble* in the Words following

'This Houſe taking into Conſideration the Reſolves of the Aſſembly that this Houſe has no Right to amend a Money Bill, are unanimouſly of Opinion, that were their ſaid Reſolves true, yet it is no ſufficient Reaſon to refuſe the Conference requeſted: But that the Reſolve is not true, will evidently appear from all the Royal Commiſſions to the Governors of this Province, ſince the Surrender of the Government to the Crown; and that we are right in our Conſtructions of theſe Commiſſions, we have better Authority than a meer Say ſo, as appears by a Letter from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, in the following Words.'

Whitehall

Whitehall, August 20, 1741.

'*Sir*,

'WE are concerned to find, that notwithstanding what we said in 'our last to you, which you tell us, you communicated to the 'Assembly, and notwithstanding all your own Endeavours to the con- 'trary, they still persist in their Obstinacy of refusing to let the Coun- 'cil amend Money Bills, to which they have an undoubted Right, ac- 'cording to his Majesty's Determination upon like Dispute in the Isl- 'and of *Jamaica*: We commend your Zeal in the Steps you have al- 'ready taken, and must desire you will, on all Occasions, continue 'the same vigorous Opposition to such unwarrantable Pretensions. We 'are your very loving Friends and humble Servants,

M. Bladen,
R. Plumer,
B Keene,
Ja. Brudenell.

'To the Hon. *Lewis Morris*, Esq;
'Governor of *New-Jersey*.'

'And we further say, that if the Proceedings of a *New-Jersey* Assembly 'be any Authority, it will appear by them, that they have admitted the 'Council had such Right, and particularly by their Proceedings of *Novem- 'ber* 29 and 30. 1704, where they agreed to sundry Amendments made 'by the Council to a Money Bill.

'*Ordered*,
'That Mr. *Kemble* do carry to the House of Assembly a Copy of 'the above Minute.

'By Order of the House,
'*Thomas Lloyd* Clerk.'

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council

'*Gentlemen*,
'His Excellency is the Council Chamber, and desires to know if the 'House has any Thing further to lay before him, before he sends for 'them to porogue them.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, the House has nothing before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself, delivered the Mes- sage with them entrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House presently.

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

'*Gentlemen*,
'His Excellency is in the Council Chamber and desires the Attendance 'of the House.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Eight following Laws, *viz.*

1. *An Act for erecting the Bridge over* Salem *Creek, into a Toll-Bridge.*

2. *An Act to repeal part an Act, entitled, An Act to impower ſundry of the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Burlington *and* Glouceſter, *and others, to erect and build a Draw or Swinging Bridge over* Cooper's *Creek in the ſaid County of* Glouceſter, *and for appointing Commiſſioners to lay out a more direct Road from* Burlington *to* Cooper's *Ferries.*

3. *An Act to reſtrain Tavern-keepers and others from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants, Negroes, and Molatta Slaves, and to prevent Negroes and Molatto Slaves from meeting in large Companies, from running about at Night, and from hunting or carrying a Gun on the Lord's Day.*

4. *A Supplement to an Act entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves and Panthers.*

5. *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both ſides the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them.*

6. *An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour to foreign Markets.*

7. *An Act for naturalizing* William Evelman.

8. *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns and hunting by Perſons not qualified.*

And then his Excellency was pleaſed to porogue the Aſſembly to the 25th Day of *November* next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

N° 36. a.

THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY,

Held at *PERTH-AMBOY* on *Saturday* the 25th of *January* 1752

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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, January 25. 1752.

PURSUANT to ſundry Porogations of the General Aſſembly from time to time, untill this Day, the Houſe met, and adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, January 27. 1752.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Tueſday, January 28. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock* wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of the Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf waited on his Excellency, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he expected the Houſe to attend him at three o'Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

And purſuant to his Excellency's Pleaſure ſignified this Morning, Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency in Council, and that he was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read, which was done accordingly, and is as followeth,

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

'YOU are well knowing that it is now going on of three Years since 'any supply of Money has been made to the Treasury of the Pro'vince, and which you must be sensible, is a great Dishonour to His Ma'jesty's Government, as well as a great hardship on all those that have 'any Demands on the Province; and the longer Things continue in such 'a Situation, it must necessarily bring on a greater Weight of Tax, upon 'the good People of the Province.

'My Duty therefore to the KING, together with a tender Regard for 'those committed to our Care, and my Concern, that the Officers, 'with all the other Creditors of the Province, may have Justice done them, 'require your more frequent Meeting, then I cou'd otherwise wish.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

'To prevent for the future, the Danger and Difficulties which must 'be the Consequence of what I have said, I hope you will diligently 'apply yourselves to the passing of a Bill, for the Support of the Government, 'and for the Payment of the Publick Debts.

'And another Bill, for laying a Tax for raising Money, to answer those 'good Purpoles.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

'I hope you are now come together with a publick Spirited Reso'lution, to become perfect Strangers to any Animosities or Differences among 'yourselves, in the Articles I have laid before you, but that you will proceed, 'in all your Debates and Determinations, with a single aim at the Welfare and 'Prosperity of the Province, which will render you worthy of the Honour, 'of being called the real Fathers of your Country.

Perth-Amboy,
January 28, 1752. J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, January 29. 1752.

The House met.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the Serjeant at Arms be sent for three of the absent Members; it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms forthwith acquaint *John Wetherill, Robert Law-*

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rence and *William Mickle*, Eſqrs. that the Houſe requires their Attendance without delay.

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Petition of the Owners of the Glaſs-Work in this Province was read, ſetting forth, the Difficulty of carrying on the Undertaking, and the Benefits accruing to the Publick thereby, and that Promoters of new Manufactures more uſually receive Bounties than are burdened with Taxes, and praying that the ſaid Glaſs-Work may be exempted therefrom.

Ordered,

That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, *January* 30. 1752.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of *Henry Hertſog*, was read, ſetting forth, that he has been ſometime and is ſtill a Priſoner in the Gaol of *Somerſet* County for Debt, and having twice applied for Relief by Virtue of the laſt Act for relief of poor Priſoners, his Petition was rejected, and praying the Houſe to look on his poor diſtreſſed Condition.

Ordered,

That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *Joſeph Boney* was read, praying the Houſe to take his Caſe again into Conſideration, and to make it appear to his Excellency, that *John Riddel* was not a lawful Sheriff, and that all his Acts are void; and to uſe their Endeavours to obtain him ſuitable Redreſs, according to his Grievances laid before the Houſe, or refer it to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

A Memorial of *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; ſecond Juſtice of this Colony, was read, ſetting forth, that at the laſt Seſſion he repreſented to the Houſe, that the Chief Juſtice being abſent ſince *November* 1749. the Duty of the Office had been chiefly performed by him, and prayed ſuch a Recompence for thoſe Services, as the Houſe ſhould think proper; but that, as he ſuppoſes, through the multiplicity of Buſineſs the Houſe had not then time ſeriouſly to conſider the ſame; he therefore now craves leave to offer ſome Obſervations for the Conſideration of the Houſe, as that the ſaid Office muſt be attended with great Care and Aſſiduity; that a due Qualification for that important Truſt requires great Trouble, Pains and Expence; that he humbly conceives it his Duty to attend all the four Courts, if Health permits, which he ſuppoſes was not expected of the Puiſne Judges while the

Chief Juſtice was here; and that as no Salary is allowed to the Chief Juſtice, while Abſent, he hopes when the Houſe have ſeriouſly conſidered his Caſe, they will do therein what appertains to Reaſon and Juſtice, and to the Honour and Credit of the Province.

Ordered,

That the Memorial have a ſecond Reading.

A Letter from the Agent to Mr. Speaker, of the 28th of *September* laſt, was read.

The Houſe adjourn'd to nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday, January 31. 1752.

The Houſe met and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider his Excellency's Speech: After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the ſaid Speech, and have come to a Reſolution, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency in Anſwer thereto. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to prepare the ſaid Addreſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Newbold*, Mr. *Van Middleſworth*, and Mr. *Emley*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for raiſing a Provincial Tax for ſupport of Government, and paying the Debts of the Colony.*

The Petition of *Henry Hertſog*, was read a ſecond time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Petition of *Joſeph Boney* was read a ſecond time, and the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Middleſworth* and Mr. *Fiſher* wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Petition, and acquaint him, that this Houſe ſee with Concern, that a proper Notice has not been taken of the Meſſage of this Houſe of the ſixth of *June* laſt, and that this Houſe are ſtill of Opinion, that his Excellency is inveſted with a Power of ordering a Proſecution againſt ſuch of the Officers of the County of *Somerſet* to whoſe neglect the preſent unhappy Circumſtances of the ſaid *Joſeph Boney* are to be attributed, and to requeſt his Excellency that he will be pleaſed to iſſue thoſe Orders.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Saturday

Saturday, February 1. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Ogden* from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill *for raiſing a Provincial Tax for ſupport of Government*, &c, preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and it was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Van Middleſworth* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of Yeſterday, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would do every Thing in his Power to comply with the Requeſt of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, February 3. 1752.

The Houſe met.

The Bill *for ſupport of Government, and for ſettling the Quotas in the reſpective Counties, and levying of a Provincial Tax*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the ſaid Bill. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Sergeant at Arms attending was called in, and acquainted the Houſe, that he hath performed the Order of *Wedneſday* laſt.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, February 4. 1752.

The Houſe met.

The Memorial of *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*, &c.

The Petition of the Owners of the Glaſs Work, was alſo read a ſecond Time, and referred to the ſaid Committee.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, reported, that they have prepared the ſame, and it

was received and read ; and then being read again, Paragraph by Paragraph, was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government and for ſettling the Quotas*, &c. and the other Matters to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P, M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency was read and compared.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Stevens* wait on his Excellency and requeſt him to inform the Houſe, when they may attend him with their Addreſs.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Matters to them referred. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Wedneſday, February 5. 1752.

The Houſe met, and reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to proceed on the Bill and other Matters to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himſelf waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of Yeſterday, in Anſwer to which he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would expect the Houſe to-morrow Morning at 11 o'Clock.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill and other Matters to them referred. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the

the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the Matters to them referred, and have come to ſundry Reſolutions, which he is directed to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive it.

Ordered,

That the Report be made to-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, February 6. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency would ſend the Deputy Clerk of the Council to inform them when he is ready to receive their Addreſs.

A Petition of divers of the Bolters of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that it is almoſt impracticable to comply with the Act concerning Flour, becauſe much Wheat is threſhed on Earthen Floors, and praying an Act to prevent it.

Ordered,

That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, Mr. *Lawrence* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill *for ſupport of Government and ſetling the Quotas*, &c. as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved,

That the Government be ſupported for one Year and three Months, to Commence the *Tenth* Day of *Auguſt* laſt, and to End the *Twenty-firſt* Day of *November* next. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,

That in and by the ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid,

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, at the Rate of *One Thouſand Pounds per Annum.*

And on the Queſtion whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Mickle*,	Who all voted
Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	Mr. *Ellis*,	for 800 £.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Wood*,	
Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Emley*.	

To the Second Judge of the Supream Court at the Rate of *Twenty five Pounds per Annum.*

To the Third Judge of the Supream Court at the Rate of *Twenty five Pounds per Annum.*

To the Attorney General at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds per Annum.*

To each of the Treaſurers at the Rate of *Forty Pounds per Annum.*

To the Clerk of the Council, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds, per Annum.*

To *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; or the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the Houſe, at the Rate of *Eighty Pounds per Annum.*

To the Clerk of the Circuits, at the Rate of *Twenty Pounds per Annum.*

To the Door-keeper of the Council, at the Rate of *Ten Pounds per Ann.*

To the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, for Houſe Rent, at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds per Annum.*

To the Chief Juſtice, or any one of the Juſtices of the Supream Court, for attending Circuit Courts and Courts of *Oyer and Terminer*, in the Manner preſcribed by the Act, the Sum of *ten Pounds*, each Time.

To each of the Council, for the Time they reſpectively have attended or ſhall attend at this or any other Sitting within the Time aforeſaid, *Six Shillings per Diem.*

To each of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for their reſpective attendance, the Sum of *eight Shillings per Diem.* Alſo *four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for Entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. Alſo to *Samuel Smith*, one of the Clerks, *thirty Shillings* for Pen, Ink and Paper, at the late Sitting at *Burlington*, and to *Thomas Bartow*, the other Clerk, *twenty Shillings*, for this Sitting.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes of the Houſe and Laws paſſed within the Time aforeſaid, ſuch Sum as *Charles Read*, *William Cooke*, and *Joſeph Ellis*, Eſqrs. or any two of them, ſhall agree for. Alſo *two Hundred Pounds* for 160 bound Books of Laws, when delivered according to the Directions of the General Aſſembly.

To the Sergeant an Arms attending this Houſe within the Time aforeſaid, *three Shillings per Diem.*

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the Council as aforeſaid, *three Shillings per Diem.*

To the Door-keeper attending this Houſe as aforeſaid, *three Shillings per Diem.*

To *John Deacon*, Eſq; ſo much as he ſhall agree to pay for a Room and Candles for the Houſe at the laſt Sitting, not exceeding *twenty Shillings* per Week.

To *Thomas Fox*, for the Uſe of a Room, Firewood and Candles for the Houſe this ſitting, *thirty Shillings* per Week.

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; to pay for the Uſe of a Room, &c. for the Council at the Sittings within the ſaid one Year and three Months, *Fifteen Shillings* per Week.

To the *Secretary* for Services done to the Beginning of this Sitting, *eight Pounds ſix Shillings and four Pence.*

To *William Bradford* for printing Proclamations relating to the Riots and Iron Works, *three Pounds.*

To *Samuel Smith*, Eſq; for two Sets of the *Pennſylvania* Laws, *three Pounds thirteen ſhillings and ſix Pence.*

To *Thomas Rogers* for Fire Wood for the Uſe of the Houſe, *one Pound twelve ſhillings and ſix pence.*

To *John Deacon*, Eſq; for the like, *nineteen ſhillings and ſix pence.*

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; his Account for taking Coiners, &c. *ten pound eleven ſhillings and ſeven pence.*

To the Executors of Mr. *Richard Smith*, in full of his Account, *ſixty ſix Pounds ten ſhillings.*

To *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; ſecond Juſtice of the Supream Court, for his attending the Courts at *Burlington*, within the aforeſaid one Year and three Months, during the abſence of the Chief Juſtice, *ſix Pounds* each Court.

To each of the Members of the Houſe, the Sum of *ſix ſhillings per Diem*, for the Time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend, at this or any other Sitting within the Time aforeſaid,

To all which Articles the Houſe ſeverally agreed.

Mr. *Lawrence* further reported, that the Committee had made ſundry Amendments to the Bill.

And the ſaid Amendments were read, and a Debate ariſing on the Amendments touching the Limitation of the Diſcretionary Values of Lands in the ſeveral Counties, which according to the ſaid Amendments are as followeth, *viz.*

Middleſex, between	40 and 8 £.
Monmouth,	45 and 9
Eſſex,	45 and 9
Somerſet,	45 and 9
Bergen,	40 and 8
Burlington,	45 and 9
Glouceſter	40 and 8
Salem,	45 and 9
Cape-May,	20 and 5
Hunterdon,	40 and 8
Morris,	20 and 5
Cumberland,	30 and 6

The Houſe agreed to the higheſt Sums.

Then a Motion was made, that the Houſe alſo agree to the loweſt Sums; and on the Queſtion, it paſſed in the Affirmative, in the Manner following.

John

	Mid.	Mon.	Eſſex	Som.	Berg.	Burl.	Gloc.	Sal.	C. M.	Hunt	Mor.	Cum.
John Stevens,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6
John Johnſton,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6
Shobal Smith,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
Robert Lawrence,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
James Holmes,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
John Low,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6
Robert Ogden,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6
J. Vanmiddleſworth	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
Hendrick Fiſher,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
Derick Dye,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
Cor. Vanvorſt,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
John Deacon,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6
William Cooke,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6
B. Newbold,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	5	8	5	6
William Mickle,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	5	8	4	6
Joſeph Ellis,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	5	8	5	6
William Hancock,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	5	8	4	6
Richard Wood,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	5	8	5	10
William Mott,	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	20	5	10	5	10
John Emley,	8	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	4	6

Reſolved,
That the Houſe will proceed on the Report in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth ſundry Inconveniencies and Damages they ſuffer by Cattle driven there at certain Seaſons from other Counties, and praying an Act to prevent it for the future.

Ordered,
That the Petition have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee; and the other Amendments made to the Bill, were read and agreed to, except the Amendment to the laſt enacting Clauſe; upon which a Debate ariſing, the Queſtion was put, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? and it paſſed in the Negative.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Stevens,*	Mr. *Smith*	Mr. *Cooke,*
Mr. *Johnſton,*	Mr. *Lawrence,*	Mr. *Newbold,*
Mr. *Low,*	Mr. *Holmes,*	Mr. *Ellis,*
Mr. *Ogden,*	Mr. *Van Middleſworth,*	Mr. *Wood,*
Mr. *Deacon,*	Mr. *Fiſher,*	Mr. *Mott,*
Mr. *Mickle,*	Mr. *Dey,*	Mr. *Emley,*
Mr. *Hancock,*	Mr. *Vanvorſt,*	

And

And ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Clauſe being propoſed in the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the Houſe will to-morrow Morning conſider the ſame.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, February 7. 1752.

The Houſe met.

And proceeded to conſider the Amendments propos'd yeſternight; and a Debate ariſing on ſome Words in an Amendment in the laſt Clauſe of ſaid Bill, the Queſtion was put whether the Words (*for what he Leaſes*) ſhall be taken out, and the Words (*on the Lands aforeſaid*) ſhould be incerted in their ſtead? It was carried in the Negative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Mickle*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Ellis*,
Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Wood*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Mott*.	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Emley*.

And the Votes being equal, Mr. *Speaker* gave his Vote for the Negative.

Then a Motion was made, that one of the Amendments propos'd, be added to the Bill, and on the Queſtion, it paſſed in the Affirmative,

Yeas	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*,
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Mickle*,	Mr, *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ellis*,	Mr. *Holmes*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*,	
Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Wood*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	
Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Emley*.	Mr. *Dey*,	

And then the Queſtion was put, whether the ſaid Bill as amended be Engroſſed or not? and it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Nays.	
Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Smith*	Whoſe ſole Objection a-Engroſſing, was by Reaſon of ſome Part of the laſt enacting Clauſe.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Holmes*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Van Middleſworth*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Deacon*,		
Mr. *Cooke*,		
Mr. *Newbold*,		
Mr. *Mickle*,		
Mr. *Ellis*,		
Mr. *Hancock*,		
Mr. *Wood*,		
Mr. *Emley*,		

Ordered

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be Engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petitions for and againſt a Bridge over *Raway* River, near *Marſhe's* Mill, being read a ſecond Time,

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Notice to attend this Houſe on *Monday* next at two o'Clock in the Afternoon, to ſupport the Reaſons in the ſaid Petitions ſet forth.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, complaining of the Inconveniencies they ſuffer by having great Numbers of Cattle from the neighbouring Counties drove up into their County, &c. was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition be referred to further Conſideration.

The Petition to prevent threſhing on Earthen Floors, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Petition be referred to further Conſideration.

His Excellency, agreeable to the Meſſage of this Houſe of the 24th of *September laſt*, laid before this Houſe the Recommendations whereon he appointed *John Riddle* Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet*, whereby it appears that the ſaid *John Riddle* was well recommended to his Excellency, by *Thomas Leonard* and others, altho' not by moſt of the Magiſtrates and principal Freeholders of the County of *Somerſet*, as Judge *Leonard* in his Anſwer to the Governor, entred in the Minutes of this Houſe on the 20th of *February* 1750. aſſerts. It alſo appears that his Excellency had the Advice of ſaid *Thomas Leonard* and three other Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council of this Province, for the Appointment of ſaid *Riddle*, founded (as appears by their Advice of the 7th of *May* 1748) on the above Recommendation.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

'Mr. *Speaker*,
'His Excellency is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Addreſs 'of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited on his Excellency, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency in the following Words.

To

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Esq*; *Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of* New-Jersey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same*, &c.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency.

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, do agree with your Excellency, that there has not been for some time past, a sufficient Supply of Money in the Treasury of this Colony, to discharge the Publick Debts thereof;----but at the same time we must beg leave to say, your Excellency well knows, the General Assembly in *October* last, passed a Bill for the support of Government, for this present Year, and for levying a Tax on the good People of this Province, whereby to supply the Deficiencies of the Treasury.

We have the same Concern for Justice with your Excellency, and though we are sorry you should think it necessary to meet us, at this inclement Season of the Year, especially on such short Notice, That it was with Difficulty a sufficient Number has been got together, yet as the just Debts of the Province are unpaid, we think them a sufficient Motive for us to do all in our power, (consistent with our Duty to our Constituents,) to get the necessary Supplies into the Treasury, and to effect that, we have already brought in a Bill for that Purpose.

We assure your Excellency, we are come together with a full Resolution, to act with a becoming Harmony, in every thing we shall at this time Judge necessary, for the Honour of his Majesty, and the Welfare of the People we represent.

Several of the Members being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Substance of this Address, with their usual exception to the Stile.

By Order of the House,

CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

The House adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Saturday, February 8. 1752.

The House met.

The Engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of* New-Jersey, *to commence the* Tenth *Day of* August 1751, *and to End the* Twenty first *Day of* November 1752. *and to discharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof, and for settling of*

of the Quotas in the reſpective Counties, and levying of a Provincial Tax, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion whether the ſaid Bill paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmativ e.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Mickle*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ellis*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Wood*,	
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Emley*.	
Mr. *Deacon*,		

Reſolved,
That the Bill do Paſs.

And a Motion being made that ſome Members be ordered to carry the ſame to the Council for Concurrence: A Debate aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Bill be ſent to the Governor or to the Council? It paſſed to be ſent to the Council.

To the Governor.	To the Council	
Robert Lawrence,	*John Stevens*,	*B. Newbold*,
James Holmes,	*John Johnſton*,	*William Mickle*,
Derick Dye,	*Shobal Smith*,	*Joſeph Ellis*,
Cor. Vanvorſt,	*John Low*,	*William Hancock*,
William Mott,	*Robert Ogden*,	*Richard Wood*,
	John Deacon,	*John Emley*.
	William Cooke,	

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Deacon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Hancock* reported, that the other Members and himſelf went with the Bill to the Council Chamber, and delivered the ſame, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, February 10. 1752.

The Houſe met.

And according to the Order of the Day, the Petitioners for leave to bring in a Bill for building a Bridge over *Raaway* River near *Marſhe*'s Mill, with their Opponents, attending, were called in, and the Petition for and againſt the ſame, were read, and the Parties were heard in ſupport of the Allegations in their ſeveral Petitions, and then, by order, withdrew.

The

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, and the Laws already in Force appearing ſufficient to ſome for the Relief of the Petitioners; a Debate aroſe thereon, and a Motion being made and the Queſtion put, that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of their Petition at the next meeting of the General Aſſembly? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Cooke*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Mott*.	Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Newbold*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Ellis*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Wood*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Mickle*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Emley*.	Mr. *Vanvorſt*	

Reſolved,
That they have leave accordingly.

The Committee appointed at laſt Seſſion to inquire into the Truth of the Facts contained in the Memorial of many Inhabitants of the Weſtern Diviſion concerning the Number of His Majeſty's Council reſiding there, not being agreeable to the Articles of Surrender of the Government to the Crown, reported, that they have not had Opportunity to enquire fully into the ſame, but hope to be able to perform it by the next Sitting.

Ordered,
That they have until next Sitting of the General Aſſembly to perfect their Inquiry, and then report their Proceedings therein to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Noe*, a Priſoner for Debt, ſetting forth his unhappy Condition, and praying an Act may paſs for his Relief, was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, February 11. 1752.

The Houſe met.

A Memorial from about 126 Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, in the Weſtern Diviſion of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read, being the ſame Tenor with one entered in the Minutes of the Houſe at the late Seſſion on the 23d. of *October* laſt, and is referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into the Truth of Facts ſet forth in ſaid Memorial.

Mr. *Lawrence*, one the Committee appointed at the laſt Seſſion, in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council, to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts, &c. and who had leave to defer making their Report until this Sitting, now reported, that one of the Committee being abſent, they cannot yet comply with the Order of the Houſe, and therefore pray that the Time may be enlarged till next Seſſion.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Time for making their Report be enlarged accordingly, and that Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Low* inform the Council thereof.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill entitled, *An Act for the ſupport of Government of his Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *&c.* without any Amendment.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an humble Petition to lay the Grievances of the Colony before his Majeſty for Redreſs, and to make Report thereof at this Seſſion, reported, that one of the Committee being abſent and they not being prepared, pray that they may have leave to defer their Report till the next Sitting.
Ordered,
That the Report be deferred accordingly.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Greenwich* and *Deptford* in *Glouceſter* County, praying that two Bridge, one over *Manta's* Creek and the other over *Racoon* Creek, may be repaired at the Charge of the County, (which was referred to be conſidered at this Seſſion) was read.

And a Motion being made, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe at the next Sitting of General Aſſembly.
Ordered,
That Notice of the ſaid Petition and Motion be given to the Inhabitants of ſaid County, that thoſe concerned may make their Objections if any they have thereto.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himſelf had obeyed the Order of this Morning.

A Petition of *John Waller*, praying the Houſe to take into Conſideration, the ſettling proper Fees and Methods for Vendue Maſters, was read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, in the following Words.

Council-Chamber, February 11. 1752.
We find by a Law of this Province paſſed in the Year of our Lord 1748, *entitled*, An Act for empowering certain Perſons herein after named, to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown for Arming and Cloathing the Forces lately raiſed in this Colony, and to apply the ſame as herein is directed. *That* Richard Smith, *jun.* Daniel Smith, *and* William Cooke, *Eſqrs. or any two of them, were thereby directed, authorized and impowered, as ſoon as they ſhould have Advice of* Richard Partridge, *Eſq; having received the Monies he was impowered*

impowered to receive for the Uſe of this Province, mentioned in the ſaid Act, to draw one or more Bill or Bills of Exchange upon the ſaid Richard Partridge, *for the ſaid Money. We alſo find by the printed Copy of the Minutes of your Houſe of your laſt Seſſions, that the ſaid* Richard Partridge *has acknowleged the Receipt of £.* 2231 18 4. *Sterling Money of* Great-Britain, *by his Letter of the* 9th *of* February 1750. *whereof we have no Reaſon to doubt but the ſaid Perſons appointed by ſaid Act have had Notice.*

We being alſo informed and believe that the ſame Perſons have not as yet drawn for ſaid Monies, as by ſaid Act they were particularly directed and impowered, whereby the good Purpoſes provided for by ſaid Act, are in no wiſe anſwered: And as it is Incumbent on us to take proper Meaſures to ſee that a due Obedience be paid to ſaid Law, we would, before we proceed therein, requeſt the Houſe of Aſſembly to mention to us the Reaſons, if any they have, why ſaid Money has not before this Time been drawn for, and diſpoſed of according to the Directions of ſaid Act.

By Order of the Houſe,

READ, *Clerk.*

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Deacon* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, in Anſwer to their Meſſage, That *William Cooke*, Eſq; one of the Perſons appointed to draw for the Money mentioned in the ſaid Meſſage, informs the Houſe, that the Reaſon why the ſaid Money was not drawn for, was from the Defferrence they payed to the Opinion of the Majority of the Members of this Houſe at the laſt Seſſion, who were conſulted upon that Occaſion, whoſe Opinion was, that ſaid Money could not then be drawn for to ſuch Advantage as the publick might expect: But that upon conſulting them this Morning on the ſame Subject, they were of Opinion, that the ſame ſhould be drawn for as ſoon as Opportunity offered, and had deſired him to acquaint *Daniel Smith*, Eſq; thereof; and therefore the Houſe has Reaſon to believe no further Delay than is abſolutely neceſſary will be in this Affair. Alſo *Ordered*, That the ſaid Meſſengers acquaint the Council, that this Houſe deſires to be informed, if they have any Thing further to lay before them, becauſe if they have not, this Houſe being deſirous to be diſmiſſed, intend to apply to his Excellency for that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, waited on the Council with the Meſſage of the Houſe and delivered the ſame to the *Speaker* in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have nothing further to lay before them.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Wedneſday

Wednesday, February 12. 1752.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

'I AM ſorry that what I have ſaid to you, once and again, on the Affair 'of *Joſeph Bonny*, a Priſoner in *Somerſet* Gaol, has not been to your full 'Satisfaction; but that you ſhould ſay to me, in your Meſſage of the 31ſt of '*January*, *That a proper Notice has not been taken of the Meſſage of this Houſe 'of the* 6th *of* June *laſt*, ſince I thought I had taken the proper Steps for the 'Relief of the ſaid *Bonny*. However, upon your bringing to me all the 'Papers laying with you, relating to this Matter, I will carefully peruſe 'them, and ſhall do in Redreſs thereof, what may be in my Power, conſiſ-'tent with His Majeſty's Royal Orders for my Direction in ſuch Caſes.

'The Gentlemen who brought me your Meſſage, intimated, that they 'thought it might be beſt my Anſwer ſhould not be made ſo as to interrupt 'or delay the Proceeding of the General Aſſembly in the main Affairs of 'this Seſſion, or you would otherways have heard from me before now, on this 'Head.

Perth-Amboy,
Feb. 12, 1752. J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Wetheril*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer*, Members of this Houſe, give their Reaſons at the next Sitting of General Aſſembly, why they have not attended at this Seſſion.

The Houſe taking his Excellency's Meſſage into Conſideration,
Ordered,
That the Clerk forthwith ſearch the Papers of the Houſe relating to *Bonny*'s Affair, and if any ſuch are found, to lay them before his Excellency.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Ogden* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that ſundry Papers relating to the Affair mentioned in his Meſſage, have been from time to time laid before him, but that if any remain in the Houſe, they have ordered their Clerk to lay them before his Excellency. Alſo *Ordered*, that they acquaint his Excellency, that at the requeſt of the Houſe, the Council have ſignified that they have nothing further to lay before them, and if his Excellency has nothing more to recommend to their Conſideration, they humbly pray that he will be pleaſed to diſmiſs them.

Ordered,
That the King's Printer of this Colony, do forthwith print 328 Copies of the Law which may be paſſed this Seſſion, and ſend 298 of them as ſoon as poſſible to the ſeveral Members of this Houſe.

For

For the Uſe of	*Mlddleſex*	25	*Glouceſter*	25
	Monmouth	30	*Salem*,	21
	Eſſex	15	*Cape-May*	15
	Somerſet	20	*Hunterdon*	29
	Bergen	17	*Morris*	30
	Burlington	50	*Cumberland*	21

To be diſtributed in each County as follows.

To the Members each	1	Collector of each County	1
Firſt Judge of the County	1	Collector of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Aſſeſſors each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1		

And the ſaid Printer ſhall ſend the Remainder to either of the Treaſurers to be given as follows.

To the GOVERNOR	4	Treaſurers each	1
Each of the Council	1	Attorney General	1
Each of the Judges of the Supream Court	1	Clerks of the Houſe each	1
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	Clerk of the Council	1
		The Agent	4

Ordered,

That the ſaid Printer print 273 Sets of the Votes of the Houſe this Seſſion, as ſoon as conveniently he can, and ſend 48 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion, to be diſtributed as follows.

To the GOVERNOR	8
Each of the Council	2
The Agent	6
The Officers of the Houſe and Council each	1

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows.

Perth-Amboy	10	*Burlington* City	10
Middleſex	16	*Burlington* County	16
Monmouth	30	*Glouceſter*	16
Eſſex	25	*Salem* & *Cumberland*	20
Somerſet	18	*Cape-May*	12
Bergen	16	*Hnnterdon* & *Morris*.	36

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend for the Houſe as ſoon as he had a Council.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

'Mr. *Speaker*,

'His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at his Chamber 'immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe attended His Excellency in Council, and that he was pleaſed to give His Aſſent to a Bill enacting the ſame, entitled as follows.

An Act for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of New-Jerſey, *to commence the* Tenth *Day of* Auguſt 1751, *and to End the*

Twenty firſt *Day of* November 1752. *and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof, and for ſettling the Quotas in the reſpective Counties, and levying of a Provincial Tax.*

And that His Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,

I Obſerve with much Satisfaction, not only the Alacrity and Diſpatch, but the good Agreement and Harmony, with which you have gone through the Buſineſs of this ſhort Seſſion, of ſo much Importance to the Honour and Intereſt of his Majeſty's Government, as well as to the Eſtabliſhment of Juſtice, and of Peace, and good order in the Province.

I therefore in the firſt Place, thank you, Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly, from whom the Bill for Support of Government, and for Laying a Tax, to pay the Charges thereof, muſt naturally Spring.

And in the next Place, I thank you, Gentlemen of the Council, whoſe Concurrence with the Aſſembly, is neceſſary before it can come to me, to paſs into a Law.

Gentlemen, I cou'd have wiſh'd, this Bill had been further Extended, for you muſt be ſenſible, when ever there is an empty Treaſury, my Duty to the KING, in a juſt regard to his Government and People, obliges me to be calling you together, more frequently than I cou'd wiſh; as it neceſſarily multiplies Charge upon the People, and may ſometimes, Incommode your domeſtick Affairs; however I with what you have now done, may be the forerunner of laſting Tranquility to the Government and People.

And as you are now returning to your Places of Abode, I hope you will in your ſeveral Stations, put the ſalutary Laws, of the Province, in good Execution, againſt all ſorts of Immorality and flagrant Diſorders; So ſhall you not only become a "Terror to Evil Doers, and a Praiſe and Encouragement to thoſe that do well" but you will alſo in this way, draw down Bleſſings from Heaven on this People, and on yourſelves and Families; to each of which, I wiſh you in Safety, and with much Proſperity, in all our private Affairs.

Perth-Amboy,
February 12, 1752. J. BELCHER.

And then His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, that he had directed a Porogation to be made out, whereby the General Aſſembly would be porogued to the 12th Day of *March* next.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two P. M.

Note. The General Aſſembly was accordingly porogued to the 12th of *March* next to meet at *Burlington.*

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia,* to print theſe Votes.

CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

N°. 36. c.

THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

Held at *ELIZABETH-TOWN* on *Thurſday* the *Fourteenth* of *December* 1752.

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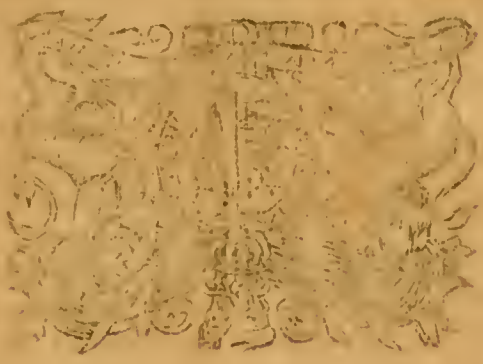

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OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Thurſday December 14. 1752.

PURSUANT to ſundry Prorogations of the General Aſſembly of this Province from Time to Time until this Day, the Houſe met, and adjourn'd to *Friday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 15. 1752.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till 9 o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 16. 1752.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, December 18. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf had waited on His Excellency, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would ſend for the Houſe to-morrow Morning at Eleven o'Clock.

Reſolved,

That *Nathaniel Davis* be Door-keeper to this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tueſday, December 19. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the Houſe, a Letter from Mr. *Bartow*, one of the Clerks of the General Aſſembly, informing him, that the Circumſtances

of

of his Affairs were ſuch, that he could not longer attend the Service of the Houſe as their Clerk, and returning the Houſe his Thanks for the favourable acceptance his paſt Endeavours have met with from them.

Where upon it is ordered, that Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Ogden* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that the Houſe do recommend Mr. *Abraham Clark*, jun. as one of the Clerks of this Houſe, and requeſt his Excellency to grant him a Commiſſion for the ſame.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Clerk of the Council.

' Mr. *Speaker*,

' His Excellency has commanded me to inform you, that he is in the ' Council Chamber, and requeſts the Attendance of the Houſe immedi- ' ately.

Whereupon the *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency in Council, and that he was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he had obtained a Copy to prevent miſtakes; which was ordered to be read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly.

" SINCE our laſt Meeting I have received His Majeſty's Royal Additional Inſtruction, reſpecting a Reviſal of the Laws of this Province, by which I am required and directed jointly with the *Council* and *Aſſembly*, (of this His Majeſty's Province of *New-Jerſey*) *Forthwith* to conſider the ſaid Inſtruction, and which I communicated to His Majeſty's *Council* at one of their ſtated Meetings, the latter end of laſt Month: And in Obedience to His Majeſty's ſaid Royal Order, I have conven'd you as ſoon as I conveniently could, that no Time might be loſt in my laying it before you, and I ſhall now direct the Secretary to deliver you a Copy thereof, together with a Copy of an Act paſſed in the Colony of *Virginia*, which came to me with the ſaid Inſtruction, and is of the Nature of what His Majeſty expects from you; and as a clear and well digeſted Body of Laws muſt have the beſt Tendency for the Support of His Majeſty's Authority and Intereſt, and for the promoting the Peace and Welfare of this *Province*; I ſhould think to raiſe a joint Committee out of the *Council* and *Aſſembly* to Act in this Matter would be highly prudent.

" You are ſenſible Gentlemen that ſeveral of the Laws of the Province are expired, ſome amended or explained, and others repealed; if therefore you can agree to come into a Body of correct and ſalutary Laws, for the better Government of this *Province*, you will be ſure of all my Aſſiſtance and ready conſent thereto, as a Thing that will greatly Honour this Legiſlature, and confer the beſt Advantages on the preſent Inhabitants of the Province, as well as tranſmit them to their Succeſſors in all Times to come. I therefore depend you will

" take

" take this His Majeſty's Royal Order into your ſerious and moſt ma-
" ture Conſideration.

" I am in the next Place, *Gentlemen*, to mention to you (with Ab-
" horrence) the riſing of a ſedetious pack of Villains in *April* laſt, and
" then breaking open the *Kings Gaol* at *Amboy*, and delivering from
" thence one *Simon Wickoff*, who ſtood there committed for *High-Trea-*
" *ſon*: Upon which I muſt earneſtly recommend to you the paſſing
" of a Good Law for the better Security of the *Kings-Gaols*, and for
" the ſevere Puniſhment of ſuch audacious Offenders for the future:---
" But if after ſo many flagrant Inſtances of Meeting, Rioting and Break-
" ing open the *Kings-Gaols* in this *Province*, you will do nothing to
" prevent it, no Mans Life or Property can be ſafe, nor can the *Kings*
" Authority be ſupported, and thoſe Things I am afraid will in the
" End bring upon you His Majeſty's great Diſpleaſure.

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,

" You are ſenſible that the Proviſion for the Support of the Govern-
" ment expir'd the laſt Month, and as the publick Debts are paid up
" to that Time, I ſhall not doubt your now taking the neceſſary Care
" to make an ample ſupply of Money to the Treaſury, that the Debts
" of the Province may be juſtly paid from Time to Time as they may
" become due.

" *Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly.*

" The Arrival of His Majeſty's Royal Order, which I have firſt
" mentioned to you, with what elſe I now lay before you, has made
" it abſolutely neceſſary for me to meet you at this Time, altho it is
" a difficult Seaſon of the Year, yet as it is but early in the Winter, you
" may with cloſe Attention give diſpatch to the Things now laying be-
" fore you, before the Severity of the Weather ſets in. I ſhould have
" been glad to have met you at *Burlington*, but by the Advice of my
" *Phyſicians*, I might not undertake ſuch a Journey at this Time of
" the Year, and the calling you hither is exactly conformable to his Majeſ-
" ty's Royal Order, having received the Advice of His Majeſty's Council
" therein, as to the Place of the Sittings of the Aſſembly in any Caſe
" of any extraordinary Neceſſity.

" As the beſt Concord and Unanimity will give Spirit and Strength
" to all your Deliberations, ſo I ſhall look upon it as a happy Omen of
" Peace and Proſperity to the Province.

Elizabeth Town, J. BELCHER.
December the 19*th* 1752.

The Houſe adjourned tell too *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

His Excellencys Speech was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The *Secretary* laid before the Houſe the Papers referr'd to in His Excellency's Speech, which were read, and refer'd to the aforeſaid Committee.

Mr. *Low* reported, that in Obedience to the Order of this Morning, Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf had waited on His Excellency, and acquainted him, that this Houſe recommended *Abraham Clark* jun. to be one of the Clerks of the *General Aſſembly*; and His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would order a Commiſſion accordingly.

The Houſe reſolved it ſelf unto a Committee of the whole Houſe, in Order to conſider his Excellency's Speech.——After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the ſaid Speech, together with the Papers therein refer'd to, and have come to a Reſolution, that an humble Addreſs, be preſented to his Excellency in Anſwer thereto.——To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Stevens*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the ſaid Addreſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, December 20. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, reported, that they have prepared the ſame, and it was received and read, and ordered to be read again, Paragraph by Paragraph, and after ſundry Amendments made thereto, it was, *nemine Contradicente*, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſed Addreſs to His Excellency was read and compar'd.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Speaker* ſign the ſame.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Johnſton* wait on His Excellency, and requeſt him to inform the Houſe, when they may attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf waited on His Excellency

Excellency agreeable to the above Order, in anſwer to which he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would receive the Houſe to-morrow Morning.

A Petition of *St. George Talbot* was read, ſetting forth, that he has been agreived by the laying a Road lately through his Land in his abſence; praying the Houſe to take his Caſe into Conſideration.

Ordered.
That the Petition have a ſecond reading.

A Motion was made that His Majeſty's Additional Inſtruction refer'd to in His Excellencys Speech, touching the reviſal of the Laws of this Colony, be entred on the Minutes of this Houſe, and printed for the peruſal of the Members and their Conſtituents.

Ordered.
That the ſame be entred thereon accordingly, and it is as follows.

L.S.

By the Lords Juſtices.

" GRANVILLE *P.* GOWER. *C. P. S.*
" MALBOROUGH. HOLDERNESSE.

" *Additional* INSTRUCTION *to* JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; *Captain*
" *General and Governor in Chief of His Majeſty's Province of* Nova-
" Cæſarea, *or* New Jerſey, *in* America, *or to the Commander in*
" *Chief of the ſaid Province for the Time being. GIVEN at* White-
" Hall *the Sixteenth Day of* April 1752. *in the* Twenty Fifth *Year*
" *of His Majeſty's Reign.*

" WHEREAS many of the Laws heretofore paſſed in his Majeſty's
" Colonies and Plantations in *America* reſpectively, have from
" Time to Time been either entirely or in part repealed, and
" others of them are expired, altered, amended or explained, by means
" whereof Perſons not well acquainted with the ſaid Laws, may be led
" into Miſtakes, and great prejudice and Inconvenience may ariſe to his
" Majeſty's Service. AND WHEREAS nothing can more effectually
" tend to promote Order and good Government, ſecure the Properties and
" Poſſeſſions of his Majeſty's Subjects, and prevent litigious Controverſies
" and Diſputes, than clear and well digeſted Body of the Laws; it
" is therefore his Majeſty's Will and Pleaſure, and you are hereby re-
" quir'd and directed, jointly with the *Council* and *Aſſembly* of his Ma-
" jeſty's Province of *New-Jerſey*, under your Government, forthwith to
" conſider and reviſe all and every the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances,
" which are in Force within the ſaid Province, excepting only ſuch as
" relates to private Property or are otherwiſe of a private Nature; and in
" Lieu thereof to frame and paſs a compleat and well digeſted Body of new

" Laws,

" Laws, taking especial Care that in the passing of each Law, due Re-
" gard be had to the Methods and Regulations prescribed by his Ma-
" jesty's Instructions to you; and that no Law of any kind whatsoever
" making a Part of such new Body of Laws, be passed without a Clause
" be inserted therein, suspending and deferring the Execution thereof un-
" til his Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure may be known thereupon.
" And it is his Majesty's further WILL and PLEASURE, that when the said
" new Body of Laws, shall have been so framed and passed as afore-
" said, you do forthwith Transmit, each Law separately under the *Seal*
" of the said Province of *New-Jersey*, together with very particular Obser-
" vations thereupon, to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations,
" in Order to be laid before his Majesty in his privy Council for his
" Royal Approbation or Disallowance."

G. P. *G. C. P. S.* *M. H.*

The House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday December 21. 1752.

The House met.

Mr. *Speaker*, acquainted the House that his Excellency would send the Clerk of the Council to inform them when he is ready to receive their Address.

A Message from his Excellency by the Clerk of the Council.

" Mr. *Speaker*,
" His Excellency is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the
" Address of this House."

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House waited on his Excellency. And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had presented their Address to his Excellency in the following Words.

To his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of* New-Jersey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same*, &c.

The humble Address of the House of *Representatives* of the Colony of *New-Jersey* in General Assembly met.

May please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, do beg leave to express our grateful Acknowledgments of his Majesty's paternal Care over us, in sending to your Excellency an Additional Instruction for the revisal

of

of our Laws. But as they have been carefully collected by Order of the General Aſſembly at a great Expence, and all thoſe that are expired or repeal'd left out, and thoſe altered and amended or explained, pointed out, and References made by the Mariginal Notes, and a new Impreſſion of them ſo lately made, that they came out but a few Months ago, of which his Majeſty's Miniſters could not have Notice at the date of that Inſtruction; and as they have been from Time to Time tranſmitted to the Right Honourable Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, and thoſe of the moſt Importance have received his Majeſty's Royal Approbation, we are humbly of Opinion, that his Majeſty will think, that we are not under the like Neceſſity of reviſing our Laws as the Colony of *Virginia*, where their Laws were in great diſorder and Confuſion, as they have ſet forth by the Preamble of their Act: Nevertheleſs we are of Opinion that it is a Duty Incumbent on us, as it hath pleaſed his Majeſty to recommend the Matter to your Excellency by an additional Inſtruction, according to your Excellency's Advice, to give it our moſt mature and ſerious Conſideration until our next Meeting; and at that Time, with the Advice of our Conſtituents, if any of thoſe Inconveniences mentioned in the ſaid Inſtruction do appear, we ſhall do our Endeavour to remedy it by preparing ſome Bill or Bills to be paſt into a Law or Laws for that Purpoſe.

This Houſe were in hopes, that as for ſome Years paſt they have heard nothing of any *Goals* being broke open in this Colony by a Set of riotous Perſons; that thoſe People had ſeen their great Error, and voluntarily ſubmitted to the Laws; and it is with Concern and Abhorrence of thoſe Facts that we heard of a freſh Crime committed laſt *April*, in taking out a Priſoner at *Amboy*, committed on an Indictment for *High Treaſon*: But as he voluntarily in a ſhort Time returned to that *Goal* and was bailed out in *Auguſt* laſt, by the *Supream Court*; we are ſtill in hopes that the Laws will take Place, and that thoſe wicked Offenders will return to their Duty.

We are very ſenſible of the Expiration of the Act *for Support of the Government*, and ſhall willingly and chearfully make an adequate Allowance to all thoſe whoſe Services are benificial to the Publick, but as it will be convenient at the ſame Time to diſpatch the other neceſſary Buſineſs of this Colony, and the Seaſon of the Year is ſo far advanced, that we expect the Severity of the Winter, which gives great Delay to the Buſineſs of Aſſemblys; therefore we ſhou'd have taken it very greatefully, if your Excellency had delayed the calling us together till a more moderate Seaſon. The calling us to any other Part of the Colony (beſides *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*) in Caſes of great Neceſſity, with Advice of *Council*, we conceive may be agreeable to his Majeſty's Royal Inſtruction; but as we apprehend, there is no ſuch Neceſſity of calling us to this Place at this Time, is the Reaſon, together with the cold Seaſon's coming on, that we do not incline to proceed to Buſineſs here.

We ſhall always do our Endeavour to promote concord and Unani-

mity among our ſelves and with the other Branches of the Legiſlature, to give Strength and Spirit to all our Deliberations, which is the moſt productive of Peace and Proſperity to the Colony.

Several of the Members of the Houſe being of the People called Quakers, do concur to the Matter and Subſtance of this Addreſs but make their uſual Acceptions to the Stile.

By Order of the Houſe,

CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Whereas by Order of this Houſe in their laſt Seſſion at *Perth-Amboy*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Spicer*, were directed to give their Reaſons at the next Sitting of the Houſe, why they did not attend at that Seſſion, and in Obedience to ſaid Order, Mr. *Wetherill* gave for Reaſon of his not attending, his then Indiſpoſition of Body; and Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer* gave for Reaſon of their not attending, the late Receipt of their Notice for Attendance, particularly that Mr. *Leaming* did not receive his Notice until three Days before the riſing of that Houſe; and Mr. *Spicer* having only received his Notice on the very Day of their riſing. Wherefore it was rendred impracticable for them to attend; which Reaſons were thought ſufficient by the Houſe to excuſe their not attending.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Holmes* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that the Houſe not being inclinable to proceed on Buſineſs here, they requeſt the Favour of his Excellency to diſmiſs them.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf had waited on His Excellency agreeable to the above Order; in Anſwer to which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe ſhould hear from him this Evening or to morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd for half an Hour.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday, December 22. 1752.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That the Committee of Correſpondence do direct the Agent of this Province to purchaſe for the Uſe of this Province, one Sett of the Publick Acts of Parliament of *Great-Britain*, ſince the Seventh Year of his preſent Majeſty,

Majeſty, and tranſmit them to *Philadelphia*; together with two Sets of the Votes of the Honourable Houſe of Commons, for three Years paſt, and to continue to tranſmit the publick Acts of Parliament and Votes as the ſame ſhall become printed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by his Clerk.

" Mr. *Speaker*.

" His Excellency demands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at his own Houſe.

Whereupon, Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited on His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, and that he was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which Mr. *Speaker* ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which was ordered to be read and is as follows.

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.*

" IN Anſwer to your Addreſs, of yeſterday, I am glad to find you are " ſenſible of His Majeſty's paternal Care, in his Royal Inſtruction ſent " me, to act jointly with His Majeſty's Council and with you, for a " Reviſal of the Laws of this Province, and which Inſtruction you will " take into your more mature Conſideration at your next Meeting.

" The Anſwer you have made me, as to making Proviſion for " the better Security of the *Kings-Goals* of this Province, upon the leaſt " Reflection you muſt ſee, is very foreign and no real genuine An- " ſwer, to what I mentioned relating to the *Kings-Goals*, and of an *Act* to " puniſh ſuch, who in Defiance of His Majeſty and the Laws, do at " their Pleaſure, with Force and Violence, break open the *Kings-Goals* " and ſet at Liberty, ſuch as ſtand committed for the moſt atrocious " Crimes.

" The Priſoner who ſtood committed at *Amboy*, after being reſcued " from *Goal*, returning Voluntarily thither, can be no Alleviation of the " Crime of that tumultuous and riotous gathering of thoſe who delivered " him; beſides if the Priſoner returned of his own choice, he might " have choſe other ways; and in that Caſe Laws are made and *Goals* " erected, in Order to the better Support of his Majeſty's Authority and " for preſerving the Peace and Welfare of his Subjects of this Province " quite in vain; and I am afraid your Anſwer on this Head, will not " put you into that favourable Light, I wou'd wiſh you might always " ſtand with His Majeſty.

" *Gentlemen*,

" I was in hopes what I ſaid to you, at your firſt making a Houſe, " wou'd have led you to a Proceeding an ſuch Things as I laid before " you, but I am now ſorry, to have the Occaſion to communicate to you,

" the

" the following Inſtruction from His Majeſty, relating to the Places of the " Sitting of the *Aſſembly*.

" OUR WILL *and* PLEASURE IS, *that with all convenient Speed,* " *you call together one General Aſſembly for the enacting of Laws* " *for the joint and mutual Good of the whole Province; that the firſt,* " *Meeting of the ſaid General Aſſembly be at* Perth-Amboy, *in* " Eaſt New-Jerſey, *in Caſe the laſt was at* Burlington, *and that* " *future General Aſſemblys do meet and ſit at one or the other of thoſe* " *Places alternately, or otherwiſe as you, with the Advice of our aforeſ-* " *ſaid Council, ſhall think fit, in Caſe of extraordinary Neceſſity to* " *appoint them.*"

" By this you will ſee, the *King* has abſolutely committed to His " *Governor* and *Council*, the Alteration of the Place of the Aſſemblys " Sittings, upon an extraordinary Neceſſity; nor has the *King* allow'd " the Aſſembly to judge of that Neceſſity; however if you will conſider, " that I am commanded by the Additional Inſtruction, to lay it forthwith " before you, and that the low State of my Health and Strength, wou'd " not poſſibly allow of my making a Journey to *Burlington*. Therefore " the calling you hither at this Time you muſt ſee, is the very Caſe the " *King* has provided for, by his Royal Inſtruction, that his Service (to- " gether with the Affairs of the *Province*) ſhould find no Obſtacle; I am " therefore ſurpriz'd, ſince you have got hither, that you wou'd come to " a Reſolution not to proceed upon Buſineſs.

" Life and Health, are in the Hands of the allwiſe, and ſovereign Diſpoſer " of all Things, and if he pleaſes to ſpare my Life, and to better my " Health and Strength, I will endeavour to meet you the next *Spring* at " *Burlington*, but if it ſhou'd be otherwiſe (according to common Courſe " of Nature) you can have no reaſonable Expectation of it.

" I heartily wiſh you, to your ſeveral Places of Abode, in Health and " Safety."

Elizabeth-Town,
December 22. 1752. J. BELCHER.

And then his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, that he had directed a Prorogation to be made out, whereby the General Aſſembly would be prorogued to the 22d. Day of *February* next.

The Houſe adjourned till there *P. M.*

Note, The General Aſſembly was accordingly prorogued to the 22d. Day of *February* next to meet at *Burlington*.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print theſe Votes.

CHARLES READ, *Speaker*.

1737.

THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY

Held at *BURLINGTON* on *Wednesday the* 16*th* of *May* 1753.

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VOTES

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

BURLINGTON, *Wedneſday May* 16. 1753.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's ſeveral Prorogations, the Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, May 17. 1753.

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 18. 1753.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait upon his Excellency when he comes to Town, and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of the Members to proceed to Buſineſs are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſeveral Priſoners in *Trenton* Gaol, ſetting forth, that they have offered to deliver up their Effects to make their Creditors Satisfaction; notwithſtanding which they are ſtill kept in a tedious Confinement, and praying ſome Method may be fallen upon either for their Diſcharge, or to oblige their Creditors to maintain them there, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſeveral Inhabitants of *Salem* Town, praying for a Supplementary Act to farther enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes in the ſaid Town, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them, and to oblige them to keep the Creek clear, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth, that the Laws of this Province

Province provide for the building and re-building of Bridges throughout the Province, by each Townſhip, (the ſaid County of *Middleſex* excepted) and praying for leave to bring in a Bill for the building, re-building, repairing and amending of Bridges in ſaid County, in the ſame Manner as is already provided by the Laws of the Province in the other Counties; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M*,

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, May 19, 1753.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency and informed him, that a ſufficient Number of the Members to proceed to Buſineſs were met.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the Houſe, that his Excellency had acquainted him, that he had nothing new to lay before them, but that as ſoon as a ſufficient Number of the Gentlemen of the Council came to Town, he would make the Houſe a Speech, and that in the mean Time he recommended to the Houſe to go on with the neceſſary Buſineſs of the Colony.

A Petition was preſented from ſundry Priſoners in the Gaol of *Somerſet*, praying that ſome Method may be fallen upon to diſcharge them from their Confinement; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fiſher* be a Committee to enquire what Laws are expired, or are nigh expiring by their own Limitation.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſome of the principal Freeholders in the County of *Somerſet*, ſetting forth the hardſhips the Surveyors of the Highways now lie under, for want of ſome Method to oblige the Perſons concern'd to pay them for their Trouble; and alſo to oblige the Perſons applying to have Roads alter'd, to give all the Surveyors the neceſſary Notice, inſtead of part of the Surveyors being themſelves obliged to give the Notice, according to the preſent Practice; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both Sides of *Manington Creek*, in the County of *Salem*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill, more effectually to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The Petition from ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Salem* Town, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* have leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Mr. *Hancock* accordingly brought in a Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe being informed that the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, had laſt Year neglected cancelling their Quota of the Bills of Credit, and that it would be ſatisfactory to the preſent Members who compoſe that Board, to have the Opinion of this Houſe, whether they ſhould now cancel it or not? This Houſe do therefore give their Opinion, that it is incumbent on the ſaid preſent Board of Juſtices and Freeholders, to cancel the ſaid Money forthwith.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, May 21. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the Inhabitants, Freeholders and Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes of *Manington* Creek, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* have leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

Mr. *Hancock* accordingly brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows adjoining to and on both Sides of* Manington *Creek, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, an Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Wood*, Mr. *Mickle* and Mr. *Leaming*.

The Houſe adjourned till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſome of the Inhabitants of the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth, that being informed, a Petition was preſented to the Houſe by ſome of the Inhabitants of ſaid County, praying

for an Act for the building and repairing of certain Bridges on the great Road that leads through the ſaid County from *Burlington* to *Salem*, to be made a County Charge; which Act if paſſed they alledge, will be a great Oppreſſion upon the greateſt Part of the Inhabitants, eſpecially upon thoſe of *Great Egg Harbour*, and praying if the ſaid Act doth paſs, that the Bridge over Great *Timber Creek*, in the ſaid County, to be made into a Toll-Bridge, otherwiſe to let the other Bridges be made and repaired by each of the reſpective Townſhips that ſuch Bridges belong to, as they have hitherto been, without any Alteration.

A Petition was likewiſe preſented to the Houſe from the Inhabitants of *Great Egg Harbour* to the ſame Effect; which were both read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

On a Motion made, whether it is not now neceſſary to reconſider certain Clauſes in the Act entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon*, &c. in orde to obviate by a new Law the Inconveniencies objected againſt them: And the ſaid Law being read Paragraph by Paragraph, and the Queſtion put, whether a Bill be brought in for that Purpoſe, or that the Law be left as it is to expire by its own Limitation? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Deacon*, and Mr. *Mickle* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to remedy the Inconveniences objected againſt the ſaid Law.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes*, &c. *on* Manington *Creek*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Elis*, Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Smith*.

Reſolved,

That there be a Committee of Grievances, if Occaſion be, to ſet on every *Wedneſday*; and that the ſaid Committee be a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Tueſday, May 22. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the County of *Middleſex*, praying for a Law to put them upon the ſame footing, reſpecting the building and rebuilding of Bridges, with the other Counties of the Province, was read the ſecond time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Mr.

Mr. *Wood* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, an Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes of* Salem, &c. reported the ſame with ſome Amendments; which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed:

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee appointed to enquire, what Laws have expired, or are near expiring by their own Limitation, reported, that the Act entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds, or under, from being brought into the Supream Court*, and the *Militia Act*, will both expire at the End of this Seſſion; and that the Act *for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, is already expired.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Cook* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to revive the Act *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds, or under, being brought into the Supream Court*.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Mott* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to revive the Militia Act.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Emley* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to revive the Inſolvent Act.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies they labour under for want of a Law to eſtabliſh a publick Brand to mark Cattle in each Townſhip of this Province; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Freeholders of the County of *Cape-May*, praying for a repeal of certain Clauſes in the Act entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, an Act to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon*, &c. which was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for thoſe Purpoſes.

The Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Somerſet*, praying for an Alteration in the Law relating to Surveyors of the Highways, was read the ſecond Time and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday

Wedneſday, May 23. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, an Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Wood* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from the Board of Juſtices and Freeholders for the County of *Burlington* was preſented to the Houſe, ſetting forth, that the Inhabitants of ſaid County have in ſeveral Inſtances, within theſe few Years paſt, been put to a very great Expence, occaſion'd by divers Offences and Crimes having been committed by indented Servants and other indigent Perſons, who after Conviction being committed till Payment of their Fines and Fees, and their Maſters not being willing nor able to pay the ſame, by which Means they have remained a long time in Gaol at the publick Expence, and praying the Houſe would take this Caſe into Conſideration; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Dr. *John Miln*, Surgeon of the Forces raiſed in *New-Jerſey* for the Reduction of *Canada*, attending, laid before the Houſe ſome Vouchers reſpecting Money advanc'd, and the Services of a Surgeons Mate, for which he formerly pray'd an Allowance from the Houſe, which were read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Wood* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further revival and continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit Watching and Hunting by Night, and to explain the Law entitled, a ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Killing of Deer*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Serjeant at Arms do acquaint *John Stevens*, *John Johnſton* and *John Low*, Eſqrs. that the Houſe expects their Attendance upon the Service of the Colony forthwith.

Ordered,
That the reſpective Treaſurers lay their Accounts and Vouchers before the Houſe on or before Monday next.

The Petition from the Inhabitants and Freeholders of *Monmouth*, praying for a Law to eſtabliſh a publick Brand, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Clerk of the Council, acquainting the Houſe, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Houſe. Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* with the Houſe, went to wait upon his Excellency. Being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes, of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and the ſaid Speech is as followeth.

'*Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly.*

'AGreeable to what I ſaid in *December* laſt, when I parted with you at '*Elizabeth Town*, I am through the favour of God (with much Dif-'ficulty) got to this Place. And the firſt Thing I have to obſerve to you, 'is that in Conformity to what the Aſſembly ſaid in Anſwer to my Speech 'at that Time, that you would now take into your moſt mature and ſerious 'Conſideration, His Majeſty's paternal Goodneſs, in recommending to you 'a reviſal of all your Laws, and of doing in conſequence thereof, according 'to the King's Royal Inſtruction I then laid before you; and this I again re-'commend to your very particular Deliberation.

'And I muſt alſo again mention to you, the old and unhappy Affair of 'Riots and Tumults in this Province, and that you would once at laſt ex-'ert yourſelves to the utmoſt of your Power, by paſſing ſome good Law or 'Laws to ſuppreſs and extirpate ſuch wicked Proceedings: Nor do I think 'you can in any one Thing, more recommend yourſelves to the Royal Fa-'vour, or more contribute to the Welfare and Happineſs of yourſelves and 'of your Poſterity.

'*Gentlemen*, you will carefully inquire into what Laws are expired, and 'ſee what may be neceſſary to be revived, among which I believe the Mi-'litia Act is one.

'*Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,
'It is incumbent on you to make a careful and thorough Enquiry into the 'State of your Paper Bills, and lay proper Funds for drawing in and ſink-

' ing ſuch of them, the Courſe of whoſe Currency is expired according to ' Law.

' I am alſo to obſerve to you, that there is no Money in the publick Trea- ' ſury, appropriated for Payment of the publick Debts of the Province, in ' remedy whereof I ſhall not doubt your proceeding according to the good ' Rules of Reaſon and Juſtice.

' *Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Aſſembly,*

' As it will ſoon be a very buſy Seaſon of the Year, not only the general ' Intereſt of the Province, but alſo that of your private Affairs, I hope will ' lead you to the beſt diſpatch in all Things that may come before you this ' Seſſion for the publick good; and to this End, I wiſh the beſt Candour ' and Harmony may ſubſiſt among yourſelves.

' *Burlington, May* 23. 1753. J. BELCHER.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. P. M.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in Order to conſider his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them refer'd and had come to a Reſolution, that an humble Addreſs, be preſented to his Excellency in Anſwer to his Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Ogden* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Wood* be a Committee to prepare an Account of the preſent State of the Paper Currency in this Colony, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Mr. *Leaming*, with leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for chuſing overſeers of the Highways*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to prohibit watching and hunting by Night*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

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The Bill entitled, *An Act for the further revival and continuance of an Act entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Ogden*.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to further continue an Act entitled, An Act for the better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth* and Mr. *Dye*.

The Petition of the Juſtices and Freeholders of *Burlington*, for a Law to make ſome Proviſion to defray the Expence of ſuch indented Servants as are convicted of Crimes, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cook* and Mr, *Newbold* do bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe for the County of *Burlington*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill entitled, *An Act to prohibit watching*, &c. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred, and had made ſeveral Amendments to ſaid Bill, which he was ready to report when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.
Ordered,
That the ſaid Report be made to-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, May 24. 1753.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Truſtees of the College of *New-Jerſey*, ſetting forth the Advantages the ſaid College would be to the Province, and requeſting the Houſe would ſet forward a publick Lottery for the Benefit of ſaid College, the Deduction not to exceed Two Thouſand Pounds, Proclamation ; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for chuſing Overſeers of the Highways*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Spicer*.

Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act to further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony*, &c. reported the ſame with one Amendment ; which was read in its Place, and with one other Amendment made thereto in the Houſe, was agreed to by the Houſe.
Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as Amended, be engroſſed,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Ogden* be a Committe to bring in a Bill *for Support of Government*.

Ordered,

That the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion, do purchaſe one ſet of the Laws of this Province, Bound and Letter'd, and ſend them to the Agent for the Uſe of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to further continue an Act entitled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions, paſſed in the Nineteenth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Inhabitants of *Eveſham*, expreſſing their Difficulties for want of a ſufficient Paper Currency; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from ſeveral Priſoners for Debt in *Burlington* Gaol, praying for an Inſolvent Act, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Committee on the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M*,

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hancock*, purſuant to the Order of laſt Night, reported the Amendments of the Grand Committee to the Bill entitled, *An Act to prohibit watching*, &c. which were read in their Places, and ſome additional Amendments being made to the ſaid Bill, and one to the Title, in the Houſe, on the Queſtion whether the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed, it was carried as follows.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
John Wetherill,	*John Deacon*,	*Robert Lawrence*,
Shobald Smith,	*William Cook*,	*Barzilla Newbold*,
James Holmes,	*William Mickle*,	*Joſeph Ellis*.
Robert Ogden,	*William Hancock*,	*William Mott*.
John Vanmiddleſworth,	*Richard Wood*,	
Hendrick Fiſher,	*Aaron Leaming*,	
Derick Dye,	*Jacob Spicer*,	
Cornelius Vanvorſt,	*John Emley*.	

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be Engroſſed.
Ordered.
That Mr. *Ellis* have leave to be abſent till Monday next, on urgent Occaſions.

The Committee appointed to correſpond with the Agent, laid before the Houſe his ſeveral Letters for about two Years paſt; and alſo ſeveral Papers relating to the fundamental Conſtitution of this Colony, tranſmitted by the ſaid Agent purſuant to the Order of the Houſe; which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 25. 1753.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Emley* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act for chuſing Overſeers of the Highways*, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.
Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be Engroſſed.

The Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion laid before the Houſe, the Duplicates of the two late Taxations, which he had received from the ſeveral Counties of the Weſtern Diviſion.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal and explain part of an Act entitled, a ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns and hunting by Perſons not qualified*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not? It was carried as follows.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
J. Wetherill,	*J. Deacon*,	*R. Lawrence*,
S. Smith,	*W. Cook*,	*B. Newbold*,
J. Holmes,	*W. Mickle*,	*J. Ellis*,
R. Ogden,	*W. Hancock*,	*W. Mott*.
J. Vanmiddleſworth,	*R. Wood*,	
H. Fiſher,	*A. Leaming*,	
D. Dye,	*J. Spicer*,	
C. Vanvorſt,	*J. Emley*.	

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Deacon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Lawrence* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act for the further revival and continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, reported the ſame without any Amendment, and ſome Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

A Motion was made (by Mr. *Spicer*) and the Queſtion put, whether a Bill be brought in for altering the Premium on Wolves Heads from *three Pounds* to *Thirty Shillings*. It was carried in the Negative.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Eveſham*, praying for a new Emiſſion of a Paper Currency, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Aſhfield*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill entitled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, an Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, without any Amendment. As alſo the Bill entituled, *An Act to further continue an Act, entitled, an Act for the better ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c.

The Houſe adjourned till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from all the Inhabitants (Freeholders and Tenants) reſiding on the Tide part of *Woodbury Creek*, and chiefly them above in the Townſhip of *Deptford*, *Glouceſter* County, ſetting forth, that they labour under great Diſadvantages for want of the Tide being ſtopped out of the ſaid Creek, and praying for a Law or Laws to remedy the Inconveniences complained of, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Cook* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill *for ſupport of Government*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Smith*, purſuant to leave given laſt Seſſion, brought in a Bill entitled, *An*

An Act for the building and maintaining a Bridge over Raway River *near* Marſh's *Mills, between the Counties of* Middleſex *and* Eſſex, *and directing the Method for raiſing of Money for the ſame,* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, May 26. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for chuſing Overſeers of the Highways,* was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered.

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Newbold* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill for *ſupport of Government* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition from the Owners of Meadows on *Woodbury Creek,* praying for a Law to ſtop the Tide out of the ſame, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners, or ſome of them, do give Notice to *Moſes Ward, John Hopper, Habbakuk Ward,* and *Joſeph Gibſon,* and the other Parties concerned, that they attend this Houſe with their Objections (if any they have) on *Wedneſday* next in the Forenoon.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook,* Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, May 28. 1753.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers of the Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, the great diſtreſs the Province labours under for want of a Medium in Trade; which was read and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

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The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for the further revival and continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not ? it was carried as follows.

Yeas.	Nays.
John Vanmiddleſworth,	*John Wetherill,*
Hendrick Fiſher,	*Shobald Smith,*
John Deacon,	*James Holmes,*
Barzilla Newbold,	*Robert Ogden,*
Joſeph Ellis.	*Derick Dye,*
Aaron Leaming,	*Cornelius Vanvorſt,*
Jacob Spicer,	*William Hancock,*
John Emley.	*Richard Wood,*

The Numbers being equal, Mr. *Speaker* gave his Vote for the Affirmative

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Fiſher* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Newbold* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion laid his Accounts and Vouchers before the Houſe.

Mr. *Spicer* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds, or under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion laid before the Houſe, the Duplicates of the Taxations which he had received from the ſeveral Counties of the ſaid Diviſion.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Ellis* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes of* Manington *Creek*, &c. reported the ſame with one Amendment, and ſome additional Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Spicer* from the Committee appointed to inſpect into the preſent State of the Paper Currency, made the following Report, which was read and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,
That *Jacob Spicer*, Eſq; from the Committee appointed to make Inquiry into the State of the Paper Bills of Credit iſſued within this Province, do make the following report to the Houſe, *viz.*

That by Virtue of an Act paſs'd the Legiſlature in 1730, confirmed by his Majeſty *May* 4. 1732. Paper Bills of Credit to the Value of £. 20,000 were created and iſſued, to be current for the Space of Sixteen Years from the Date of ſaid Bills between Man and Man, but ſhould be received by the Commiſſioners of the Loan Office, and the Treaſurer of the reſpective Diviſions of this Province, for ſix Months thereafter and no longer, as by the ſaid Act doth appear: Which Bills are fully paid in, and ſunk according to the Tenor of ſaid Act by which they were ſo created and iſſued as aforeſaid.

That by Virtue of an Act paſs'd the Legiſlature here in 1733, confirm'd by His Majeſty *May* 4. 1735, Paper Bills of Credit to the Value of £. 40,000 were likewiſe created and iſſued, to be Current for the Space of Sixteeen Years from the Date of ſaid Bills between Man and Man, but ſhould be received by the Commiſſioners of the Loan Office, and the Treaſurer of the reſpective Diviſions aforeſaid, for ſix Months thereafter, and no longer, as aforeſaid; as by the ſaid Act doth appear. The Currency of which Bills laſt mentioned, expired between Man and Man the 25th of *March* laſt O. S. But by the Tenor of ſaid Act, thoſe of them yet outſtanding, are to be received by the Commiſſioners of the Loan Office, and the Treaſurer of the reſpective Diviſions as aforeſaid, for ſix Months after the ſaid 25th of *March*, in which Time the Committee have reaſon to believe, they will be paid in and ſunk purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act, by which they were ſo created and iſſued as aforeſaid: And then a final End will be put to the reſpective Funds emitted on Loan to the Inhabitants of this Province; in which ſtrict punctuality hath been obſerved in Payment, and the Credit thereof maintained to the general Service of the Publick.

That by the Directions of the Acts aforeſaid, Bills to the Value of £. 15,000 were printed for exchanging ſuch of the ſaid Bills made Current by thoſe Acts reſpectively, as ſhould from Time to Time become ſo ragged and torn as to render them unfit to paſs, as by the ſaid Acts doth appear.

That by Virtue of an Act paſs'd in *July* 1740, Bills to the Value of £. 2000 (part of the Bills ſo printed for exchanging ragged and torn Bills as aforeſaid) were made Current, and applied to His Majeſty's Service, for

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defraying the Expence of victualling and tranſporting the Forces raiſed within this Province upon the then intended Expedition to the *Weſt Indies*; which £. 2000 by the Act aforeſaid, was directed to have been ſunk by Intereſt Money ariſing from the Loans of the Bills of Credit iſſued as aforeſaid, as by the ſaid Act doth appear.

That Intereſt Money to the Value of £. 2000 (as the Committee doth underſtand) was accordingly lodged in the Treaſury for ſinking the ſaid £. 2000 ſo made Current for His Majeſty's Service as aforeſaid, where it remaining, and his Majeſty's Forces then employed in Beſieging the important Fortreſs of *Cape-Breton*, among other Things needing ſupplies of Proviſions, and the Legiſlature of this Province having no other Fund to rely on, were obliged by an Act paſs'd in 1745, to appropriate the ſaid £. 2000 of Intereſt Money to the granting ſuch Supplies; ſtill intending to ſink the ſaid £. 2000 made current as aforeſaid, by Intereſt Money thereafter ariſing from the Loans of the Bills of Credit iſſued as aforeſaid: But the ſaid Intereſt Money being afterwards needed, in giving further aid to His Majeſty in the late intended Expedition againſt *Canada*, the ſinking the ſaid £. 2000 made current as aforeſaid, by another Act paſs'd in *June* 1746, was further poſtponed, and ſtill directed to be ſunk by Intereſt Money ariſing as aforeſaid, as by the ſaid Act doth appear: And the ſaid Intereſt Money being all needed in the Year 1747 for ſupport of Government, and for payment of certain Debts accrued upon Account of the ſaid Expedition againſt *Canada*, not otherwiſe provided for by Law, and indeed in itſelf inſufficient for thoſe Purpoſes, the ſinking the ſaid *l.* 2000 made current as aforeſaid, was by an Act paſs'd in the ſame Year 1747, further poſtpon'd; which Act alſo directed that the ſame ſhould be ſunk by Intereſt Money ariſing as aforeſaid, as by the ſaid Act doth apper; which hath not as yet been done, for want of Intereſt Money wherewith to do it, ſo that the ſaid *l.* 2000 remains yet unſunk.

That by the Act aforeſaid of *June* 1746, another of *November* in the ſame Year, and another of *May* 1747, the three following Sums of *l.* 4000 *l.* 850, and *l.* 1000, amounting in the whole to the Sum of *l.* 5850, was given as further Aids to His Majeſty for Bounty Money, Subſiſtance, and Tranſportation provided for 500 Men, directed to be raiſed within this Province for his Majeſty's Service, upon the ſaid Expedition againſt *Canada*: Which ſaid Sum of *l.* 5850, was defrayed (for want of other Funds werewith to do it) by Bills printed for exchanging ragged and torn Bills as aforeſaid, made current by the three Acts above recited; which directed that the ſame ſhould be ſunk by Intereſt Money ariſing from the Bills of Credit iſſued as aforeſaid, as therein doth appear. To which may be added the *l.* 2000 abovementioned, in the whole the Sum of *l.* 7850, directed by the ſeveral Acts aforeſaid, to be ſunk by Intereſt Money ariſing as aforeſaid; no part of which hath as yet been ſunk, for want of ſuch Intereſt Money wherewith to do it, ſo that the whole now remains to be ſunk ſome otherway.

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That by an Act paſſed in the aforeſaid Month of *June* 1746, for arming and cloathing the Forces raiſed within this Province upon the ſaid Expedition againſt *Canada*, purſuant to His Majeſty's Pleaſure, ſignified by the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, Bills of Credit to the Value of *l.* 10,000, were ſtruck upon Loan to His Majeſty, in full Confidence of a reimburſement for the ſame; which Re-imburſement was intended by the Legiſlature here, to be the Fund for ſinking the ſaid Bills, as by the ſaid Act doth appear: Which Bills were to be Current for the Space of Seven Years, to be computed from the 25th Day of *March* (preceeding the Time of paſſing the ſaid Act) between Man and Man, and for ſix Months thereafter to be received by the Commiſſioners of the Loan Office, and by the Treaſurer of each Diviſion as aforeſaid, and no longer. The firſt of which Periods is already expired, and the Money not as yet ſunk, for want of a ſinking Fund wherewith to do it: The Fund originally intended for that Purpoſe principally failing, ſaving only the Sum of *l.* 2231 18 4 Sterling, equal to *l.* 3794 10 2 Currency, was provided for by Parliament, and paid *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; Agent to this Province, for the Uſe thereof; who retains in his Hands the Sum of *l.* 733 4 11 Sterling, equal to *l.* 1246 10 6 Currency, in Diſcharge of his Account againſt the Province, in which he Charges for ſoliciting the Payment of the ſaid Money and for receiving the ſame, and ſhould his Account be fully allowed, then of the ſaid *l.* 3794 10 2 Currency, provided for by Parliament as aforeſaid, no more than *l.* 2547 19 8 will remain for the Uſe of the Province, to be applied towards ſinking the ſaid *l.* 10,000, which Sum of *l.* 2547 19 8 being taken from the Sum of *l.* 8746 4 6 (that Part of the ſaid *l.* 10,000 applied to His Majeſty's Uſe for arming and cloathing the Forces aforeſaid) leaves a Ballance yet outſtanding upon that Head, and not provided for, to the amount of *l.* 6198 4 10, beſides which the Sum of *l.* 1253 15 6, (that part of the ſaid *l.* 10,000 not applied to his Majeſty's Uſe) was appropriated by the Act of 1747 aforeſaid to the Support of Government: By which Act the ſaid Sum of *l.* 1253 15 6 was directed to be ſunk by Intereſt Money, ariſing as aforeſaid, as by the ſaid Act doth appear, which Intereſt Money proving inſufficient, the ſaid Sum of *l.* 1253 15 6 remains yet unſunk, which being added to the Sum of *l.* 6198 4 10 outſtanding, and unprovided for as aforeſaid, leaves a Ballance in the whole of *l.* 7452 0 4, that part of the ſaid *l.* 10,000 which is not provided for; and indeed the whole *l.* 10,000 is yet in the Hands of the Community, and the Time of its Currency between Man and Man already expired. Now to the ſaid Sum of *l.* 7452 0 4 (that Part of the ſaid *l.* 10,000 ſtruck upon Loan to His Majeſty for the Uſe aforeſaid, and not provided for) muſt be added the ſaid Sum of *l.* 7850, ſo given to His Majeſty as aforeſaid, (out of the ſaid Bills printed for exchanging ragged and torn Bills) made current for that Purpoſe by the Acts aforeſaid, and by them directed to be ſunk by Intereſt Money as aforeſaid; both which Sums amount to the Sum of *l.* 15,302 0 4 the Provincial Debt; principally accrued upon Account of the late War with *France* and *Spain*, (excluſive of what is due for Support of Government in all its Branches) Beſides which the ſaid Sum of *l.* 2547 19 8, the remaining Part of the ſaid *l.* 10,000 muſt be ſunk, by the remainder of the Money received by the ſaid *Richard Partridge*

Partridge on Account of the Province as aforeſaid, as a re-imburſement in Part for the ſaid Sum of *l.* 8746 4 6, that part of the ſaid *l.* 10,000 ſo applied to His Majeſty's Uſe for arming and cloathing the Forces as aforeſaid. Which ſaid Sum of *l.* 2547 19 8 being added to the ſaid Sum of *l.* 15,302 0 4, the Provincial Debt accrued as aforeſaid, makes the Sum Total *l.* 17850, of Paper Bills now in the Poſſeſſion of the Publick, who ought to be ſecured againſt Loſs therein: Therefore ſome effectual Fund ſhould be provided for ſinking ſuch Part thereof, wherein no Proviſion is at preſent made. And as for the ſaid Sum of *l.* 2547 19 8, the remainder thereof, wherein Proviſion is at preſent made, that ſhould be called in and ſunk as ſoon as conveniency will admit. But from whence will ſuch ſinking Funds derive, ſince the Funds originally deſigned and ſet apart for that Purpoſe have failed. The publick Funds emitted on Loan to the Inhabitants of the Province are totally expired. Well known Experience fully convinces, us that no ſolid Dependance can be placed on the foreign Specie to relieve us for any conſiderable Time in this Exigency, that being ſo frequently purchaſed by Merchants for making Remittances to *Britain*, who hath the Ballance of Trade againſt us, to be only diſcharged by Specie or foreign Bills of Exchange, when they can be purchaſed and will ſuit, which is not always the Caſe. Beſides this the Government remains now to be ſupported by publick Taxes, which till very lately was for a long ſeries of Time ſupported by Intereſt Money ariſing from the publick Funds, (now expired as aforeſaid and will yield no more) and even in that happy Exemption from publick Taxes, the Province was otherwiſe free from Debt; but now much to the reverſe, groaning under the preſſure of a heavy Debt, contracted upon account of the late War: Wherefore in the preſent diſtreſſed Exigencies of the Province, ſuch Debt, with great Difficulty, at beſt can be only gradually diſcharged, for Remedy whereof, as alſo for the future Support of the Government, a further Emiſſion of Paper Currency will be abſolutely neceſſary; the Intereſt of which might not only be applied to our Relief in the Premiſes, but the principal or capital Stock wou'd alſo be greatly advantageous and very ſerviceable to the Inhabitants of this Province in the Circulation thereof, who are daily calling aloud in pathetick and moving Terms for ſuch a ſeaſonable ſupply, which touches the Committee with the higheſt Senſe of Compaſſion towards them: And indeed ſhould their Complaints be remedied, there is much Reaſon to believe, even the *Britiſh* Merchants themſelves would likewiſe ſhare in the happy Effects; for by the help of ſuch Emiſſion the Inhabitants would be the better able to diſcharge their Debts to ſuch Merchants, as alſo encouraged to deal with them more largely for the future, for by this Means they would be furniſhed with a Currency of their own not likely to be drawn from them until the legal Expiration thereof, and therefore could the better ſpare what little foreign Specie they are poſſeſs'd of, not only in Payment of their Debts already contracted, but alſo in purchaſing ſuch other of the Britiſh Merchandize which they may hereafter need. But ſhould ſuch Emiſſion be denyed them, then will they be preſſed by neceſſity (the Mother of Invention, and the ſtrongeſt motive on Earth) to preſerve ſuch little foreign Specie of which they are ſo poſſeſſed, and to Husband it with the beſt Oeconomy imaginable.

ble. And although this prodigious want of Money will greatly cramp their Induſtry in the Cultivation of their Lands, and ſundry other ways much affect them, not eaſy at preſent to account for; yet at the ſame Time it will undoubtedly oblige them to avoid any imprudent Conſumption of *Britiſh* ſuperfluities, and neceſſarily put them upon making greater Uſe of, and farther improving their own domeſtick Manufactures, which would certainly, in ſome Meaſure, affect the *Britiſh* Trade. So that upon the whole, the Committee are humbly of Opinion, that it would be highly incumbent on the Houſe, to either paſs a Bill for ſtriking another Emiſſion of Paper Currency, with a Petition anex'd to ſuch Bill, praying His Majeſty's gracious Aſſent thereto: Or otherwiſe that the Houſe do Petition His Majeſty to grant his Royal leave to our Governor to paſs ſuch Bill; that by ſuch Petition to be tranſmitted His Majeſty, either with or without ſaid Bill, the great neceſſity of ſuch Currency to this Province, and the advantage the *Britiſh* Merchant would ſhare therein (ſhould it be granted us) be properly repreſented. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the ſerious Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe, by

Richard Wood,
Jacob Spicer,
Aaron Leaming.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government.* After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Ogden* be a Committee to inſpect the Agents Accounts, and make report thereof to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Tueſday, May 29. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes, adjoining to and on both Sides of* Manington *Creek, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Wood* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to*

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prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds, and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony; was read the ſecond Time and committed to Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Ogden*.

The Serjeant at Arms attending was called in, and informed the Houſe, that he ſerved the Order of the Houſe on all the abſent Members except *John Low*, Eſq; who was out of the Province, and that the two others ſaid they would attend the Service of the Houſe the beginning of this Week.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Wood* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers of the upper Settlers on *Woodbury Creek*, ſetting forth, that the ſtopping the Tide out of the ſaid Creek, will be a great Damage to them, and praying an Act for that Purpoſe may not paſs; which was read, and referred to be conſidered to-morrow when the hearing of that Affair comes on.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds, and under, from being brought into the Supream Court*, &c. reported the ſame with one Amendment, which was read in its Place, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as Amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 30. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

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The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered.
That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Newbold* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Mickle* and Mr. *Wood* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts; and alſo to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills, and make report to the Houſe; and that Mr. *Deacon* and Mr. *Hancock* do inform the Council thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Newbold* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the preſent State of the Paper Currency. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them refered; and that the Committee had come to a Reſolution, that a Committee of this Houſe ſhould be appointed to join a Committee of the Council on a free Conference to conſider of the moſt effectual way to lay the calamitous Situation of the Province for want of ſuch Currency, before His Majeſty, in order to obtain his Royal Aſſent to a new Emiſſion of Paper Bills of Credit in this Colony, and that the Committee deſired leave to ſit again: To both which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Ogden*, and Mr. *Newbold*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council on the Affair above; and that the Report of the Committee of this Houſe, and the Petitions on the ſame Affair, be laid before them. And that Mr. *Ellis* and Mr. *Holmes* do acquaint the Council thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, and prefix Time and Place.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Aſhfield*, as follows.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leonard*, Mr. *Saltar*, and Mr. *Aſhfield*, be a Committee of this

' this Houſe to join the Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, to inſpect the ' Treaſurers Accounts, and alſo to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills, and that ' Mr. *Aſkfield* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

' By Order of the Houſe,

' *Council-Chamber*, *May* 30 1753. *Richard Lloyd*, D. Clk.

Mr. *Ellis* reported, that Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petitioners for and againſt damming the Tide out of *Woodbury* Creek, according to the Order of the Day, attending, were called in, and the Allegations on both Sides fully heard, and then they were ordered to withdraw.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions for and againſt ſtopping the Tide out of *Woodbury Creek*, and the ſeveral Allegations on both Sides.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition for ſtoping the Tide out of ſaid Creek be diſmiſſed.

Mr. *Cook* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe. brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial, Puniſhment and Diſcharge of Servants, and other indigent Perſons, guilty of Larcenies*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, *May* 31. 1753.

The Houſe met.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, one from the upper Inhabitants and the other from the lower Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, renewing their Applications to have the ſaid County divided, which were read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from many of the Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies of the Law *for repairing Highways*, &c. *in ſaid City*, and praying ſaid Law may be repealed, which was read,

Ordered,

That the Members of ſaid City have leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

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The ſaid Members accordingly brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act entitled, an Act for the better repairing of Highways*, &c. which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, praying for an Allowance for printing the additional Laws in the Bound Book, according to a former Order of the Houſe; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for the Trial, Puniſhment and Diſcharge of Servants, and other indigent Perſons, Guilty of Larcenies and other Offences againſt the Crown, within the City and County of* Burlington, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Deacon*.

Mr. *Spicer* from the Committee appointed to examine the Agents Accounts reported, that upon a full Inſpection into the ſaid Accounts, according to the beſt Lights they could get in the Affair, they have ſettled the ſame to the 9th of *February* 1750, and find a Ballance then due to ſaid Agent of £. 258 4 2, Sterling. To which Report the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Sum of £. 258 4 2, Sterling, be allowed the ſaid Agent, and inſerted in the Support Bill.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill *for ſupport of Government*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions, which he is directed to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M*,

The Houſe met.

According to Order, Mr. *Cook* reported, the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſetting the Quotas*, &c. as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved,

That the Government be ſupported for One Year and Six Months, to commence the *Twenty-firſt* Day of *November* laſt, and to end the *Twenty-firſt* Day of *May* next. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,

That in and by the ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid,

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; at the Rate of *One Thouſand Pounds*, per Annum.

And on the Question whether the Houſe agree thereto or not? It was paſſed in the affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas	Nays.
John Stevens,	*Barzilla Newbold*,	*Robert Lawrence*,
Robert Ogden.	*William Mickle*,	*James Holmes*,
John Vanmiddleſworth,	*Joſeph Ellis*.	*William Mott*.
Hendrick Fiſher,	*William Hancock*,	who all voted for 800 *l*.
Derick Dye,	*Richard Wood*,	
Cornelius Vanvorſt	*Aaron Leaming*,	
John Deacon,	*Jacob Spicer*,	
William Cook,	*John Endley*.	

To *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; Second Juſtice of the Supream Court, at the Rate of *Twenty five Pounds*, per Annum.

To *Charles Read*, Eſq; Third Juſtice of the Supream Court, at the Rate of *Twenty five* Pounds, per Annum.

To *Joſeph Worrell*, Eſq; Attorney General, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds* per Annum.

To *Andrew Johnſton*, and *Samuel Smith*, Eſqrs. Treaſurers of this Colony, each at the Rate of *Forty Pounds*, per Annum.

To *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; or the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, at the Rate of *Eighty Pounds*, per Ann.

To *Charles Read*, Eſq; Clerk of the Council, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds*, per Annum.

To *John Smyth*, Eſq; Clerk of the Circuits, at the Rate of *Twenty Pounds* per Annum.

To *Anthony Elton*, Door-keeper of the Council, at the Rate of *Ten Pounds* per Annum.

To the Governor for Houſe Rent, at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds*, per Ann.

To the Chief Juſtice, or any one of the Juſtices of the Supream Court, for attending Circuit Court, and Courts of *Oyer and Terminer*, in the Manner preſcribed by the Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each Time.

To each of the Council, for the Time they reſpectively have attended or ſhall attend, at this or any other ſitting during the ſitting of General Aſſembly within the time aforeſaid, *ſix ſhillings* per Diem.

To each of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for their reſpective Attendance, the Sum of *eight ſhillings*, per Diem. Alſo *four pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entring the Minutes fair in the Book, and Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. Alſo to *Samuel Smith*, Eſq; one of the Clerks, for Pen, Ink and Paper, and extraordinary Services this Seſſion, *Six Pounds*; and to *Abraham Clark*, jun. *Twenty Shillings*, for the late Sitting at *Elizabeth-Town*.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes of the Houſe and Laws, paſſed within the Time aforeſaid, ſuch Sum as *Charles Read*, *William Cook*, and *Joſeph Ellis*, Eſqrs. or any two of them, ſhall agree for.

To *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; £. 10 13 4 for ſuch additional Laws as are added to the Bound Book.

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To the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe within the time aforeſaid, *three ſhillings* per Diem.

To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Council as aforeſaid, *three ſhillings* per Diem.

To the Door-keeper attending this Houſe, as aforeſaid, *three ſhillings and ſix pence* per Diem.

To *Robert Ogden*, Eſq; *Forty Shillings*, to pay *Mary Dennis* for the Uſe of a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the Houſe, during the laſt Sitting at *Elizabeth Town*. Alſo *Fifteen Shillings* for a Room for the Uſe of the Council, during the ſaid Sitting.

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, to pay for the Uſe of a Room, Firewood and Candles for the Council, during this or any other Sitting of the General Aſſembly within the ſaid Term.

To each of the Members of the Houſe, the Sum of *ſix ſhillings* per Diem, for the Time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend at this or any other Sitting within the Time aforeſaid.

To the Perſons procuring and copying Papers relating to the Fundamental Conſtitution of this Colony, according to the Directions of the Act, *four pence half penny* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet.

To *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; in full of his Account to the 9th of *February* 1750, £. 253 4 2, Sterling.

To all which Articles the Houſe ſeverally agreed.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, be Engroſſed.

Whereas it is Part of the Conſtitution of this Colony, and (we are informed) hath been acknowledged as ſuch in the Inſtructions to all the Governors of this Province ever ſince the ſurrender of the Government, that the Aſſemblies of this Colony ſhould be called to ſit alternately at *Amboy* and *Burlington*, and the Governors Reſiding at other Parts of the Province has ſometimes been the Means of the Aſſembly's being called to ſit elſewhere.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,
That after the Death or Removal of the preſent Governor, it ought to be an Article in the Support Bills, that the Sums appropriated for the Governor's Houſe Rent, be given on this Condition, that he reſides at *Amboy* or *Burlington*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to further conſider the preſent State of the Paper Currency. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cock*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution to ſink the whole Sum now Current in Bills of Credit, by a Tax of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* per Annum, provided a new Emiſſion of Bills of Credit cannot be got, and deſired leave to ſit again: To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Ogden*, be a committee to bring in a Bill *for making Proviſion to ſink the Bills of Credit of this Colony.*

The Bill entitled, *An Act for repealing an Act for repairing Highways, &c. in the Town of* Burlington, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Vanvorſt.*

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, June 1. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The two Petitions from the County of *Morris*, praying for Liberty to build a Court Houſe, or to have their County divided, was read the ſecond Time.

And Mr. *Emley* praying leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Petition.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Emley* have leave accordingly.

Mr. *Emley* purſuant thereto, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to erect the Northern and Weſtern Parts of* Morris *County into a ſeparate County*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Saltar*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed, the Bill entitled, *An Act for the further revival and continuance of an Act entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt.*
And alſo, the Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both ſides of* Manington *Creek, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them.*
And alſo, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.*

Mr. *Saltar* alſo brought from the Council, the Bill entitled, *An Act for chuſing Overſeers of the Highways*, with two Amendments thereto, which being read in their Places, were agreed to by the Houſe.
Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

Two Petitions from the Freeholders Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, praying for a new Emiſſion of a Paper Currency, for ſeveral juſt and important Reaſons therein ſet forth, were read and referred to the Committee appointed to conſider the State of the Paper Currency.

Mr.

Mr. Mott acquainted the Houſe, that he had been credibly informed that a Commiſſion had iſſued to *Enoch Anderſon*, appointing him Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*, when the ſaid *Anderſon* was not a Reſident according Law.

Ordered,
That the ſame be referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2 *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to erect the Northren and Weſtern Parts of the County of* Morris *into a ſeparate County*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnſton*.

Mr. *Newbold* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act entitled, an Act for repairing Highways*, &c. *in the Town of* Burlington, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be Engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſeveral of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying for a Law to encourage the Killing of Crows and Black Birds, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for ſupport of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the* Twenty-firſt *Day of* November, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, and to end the Twenty firſt Day of* May *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and Contingent Charges thereof; and for ſettling of the Quotas in the reſpective Counties and levying of a Provincial Tax*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetheril*, Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Newbold*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Stevens* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Tryal and Puniſhment of Servants*, &c. *convicted of Crimes in the County of* Burlington, reported the ſame without any Amendments, and on the Queſtion whether the ſaid Bill be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Negative,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for better repairing and amending the publick Highways, Roads, Streets, Wharff, and Bridges within the Town of* Burlington, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Deacon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Newbold*, and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Newbold* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Cook* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, which was read Paragraph by Paragraph, and ſome Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſame, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 2. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Bill Engroſſed with the Councils Amendments, entitled, *An Act for chuſing Overſeers of the Highways*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Deacon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

The Engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency was read and compared,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Addreſs be Signed by Mr. *Speaker*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Wood* do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to know when he will be waited on with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Wood* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would let the Houſe know when he would receive the Addreſs, as ſoon as he had a ſufficient Council in Town.

Mr.

Mr. *Mott* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for levying a Fund, at different Periods by Provincial Taxes, for ſinking the Sum of Fifteen Thouſand Three Hundred and two Pounds and four Pence, now out ſtanding in Bills of Credit made Current for His Majeſty's Service in the late War*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from the County of *Monmouth*, praying for a Law to encourage the Killing of Crows and Black Birds, was read the ſecond Time and referred to further Conſideration.

Mr. *Smith* deſired leave to poſtpone the bringing in the Bill relating to Bridges in *Middleſex* till next Seſſion.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* have leave accordingly.

The Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, June 4. 1753.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Monmouth*, praying for a new Emiſſion of Paper Currency, for ſeveral juſt and important Reaſons therein ſet forth, which was read and referred to the Committee appointed to conſider the State of the Paper Currency.

The Bill entitled *An Act for levying a Fund*, &c. *for ſinking the Bills of Credit*, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider on the Bill *for providing a Fund to ſink the Bills of Credit*. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred, and had made ſundry Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as Amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Tueſday, June 5. 1753.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Emley* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Stevens* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill *for erecting the upper Parts of* Morris *into a ſeparate County, by the Name of* Suſſex, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments, which were read in their Places, and ſeveral other Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be Engroſſed,

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainting the Houſe, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe. Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency. Being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and reported, that he had delivered the ſaid Addreſs to his Excellency, in the following Words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of* Nova Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the ſaid Province in General Aſſembly met.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey* in General Aſſembly met, beg leave to obſerve to your Excellency, that we are well pleaſed your Health is ſo far eſtabliſhed, as to enable you to meet us at this Place, where of Courſe the Aſſembly ought to ſit according to our preſent Conſtitution, which being preſerved inviolable, will always be moſt agreeable to us and thoſe we repreſent. And in conformity to what we ſaid to your Excellency at our laſt Sitting, reſpecting a reviſal of our Laws, we have ſince that taken the ſame into our further and moſt ſerious Conſideration, and have likewiſe conſulted our Conſtituents thereon; but do not find ſuch reviſal neceſſary, ſeeing that hath been ſo lately done, with which His Majeſty could not be acquainted when the Inſtruction to your Excellency upon that Head was iſſued: However to put this Matter beyond a Doubt, we have ordered a new Book containing the Body of our Laws, as reviſed, to be tranſmitted the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantation; whereby their Lordſhips will ſee our Laws are as well reviſed as can be expected from an Infant Colony; which will, in our Opinion, induce them to believe nothing further upon this Head is at preſent neceſſary. However we acknowlege with Gratitude His Majeſty's paternal Care over us in this reſpect; and return your Excellency our Thanks for recommending it to our mature Conſideration.

We are ſorry to hear ſo often of the Riots and Tumults within this Colony, and beg leave to aſſure your Excellency, that this Houſe have always looked upon thoſe Diſorders with great Abhorrence: And muſt obſerve, that ſeveral Perpetrators of them have been confin'd in Gaol, and petition'd for ſuch Tryals

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as by the ordinary courſe of Juſtice they eſteemed themſelves entitled to: And the late Houſe of Aſſembly on the 14th of *October* 1749, applied to your Excellency for iſſuing a ſpecial Commiſſion for trying thoſe Petitioners, which you did not ſee proper to grant, *not thinking it* (as you was pleaſed to ſay) *conſiſtent with the Honour of His Majeſty's Government, or the Peace of the Province ſo to do*, as by your Meſſage to that Houſe of *February* 22d. 1749-50 doth appear; wherein you inform'd them, that the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council were of Opinion, ſuch Commiſſion might not be granted. However the then Houſe by their Addreſs of 22d. of the ſame *February*, appeared different in Sentiment, and intimated the granting ſaid Commiſſion as a Matter of Importance towards ſuppreſſing the Spirit of Tumult; urging that ſpeedy Trials for the Puniſhment of Villany, ſeldom failed of having a due effect upon the Minds of the Populace; with which we at preſent concur. For when Offenders are ſpeedily brought to Juſtice, it muſt certainly deter others from committing the like Offences: But if ſuffered to eſcape with Impunity, it not only prompts them to perſevere, but alſo may induce others to imitate their evil Practices, through the hopes of Indulgence. Now had that Commiſſion been granted, and the Perſons who had petitioned therefor, been brought to Trial, and if found Guilty received Puniſhment adequate to their Crimes, it might have greatly conduced towards ſuppreſſing this Spirit of Tumult as already ſuggeſted; may perhaps it might have proved an effectual Cure. And we may further obſerve, that your Excellency has neither acquainted us, nor have we been informed of any Riots being committed (on the old Conteſt about Lands, the principal Spring of all thoſe Diſorders) ſince the reſcuing *Simon Wicoff* from out of Gaol, which you was pleaſed to tell us of laſt Winter at *Elizabeth-Town*; which Fact was committed about thirteen Months paſt, and tho' ſo long ſince committed, yet have we not hitherto heard of any of the Perſons concerned therein, being brought to Puniſhment; nor do we underſtand, that any Attempt has been made for trying them, or any other of the Rioters: Which, in our humble Opinion, evidently implies a failure in the Perſons appointed to put the Laws in Execution, not to be extenuated by any pretence for the want of a Law to juſtify them in proceeding againſt thoſe Offenders; for we apprehend it will be granted, the Laws now in being are ſufficient for that Purpoſe: And therefore we think it adviſeable for your Excellency to preſs the Trials of the Perpetrators of thoſe Diſorders, upon the Officers intruſted with the Execution of the Laws. Until that be done, and they exert themſelves therein, we hope no further Application will be made to us on this Head; neither did we eſteem it neceſſary at this Time, ſeeing the Colony is in a State of Tranquility, for any Thing we know; and why this Matter ſhould be again recommended to us, we cannot tell, but are unwilling ſo much as to imagine it can be done with any View to ſtir up His Majeſty's Reſentment againſt us, with whom we would ever ſtand in the moſt favourable Light. And we doubt not but his Royal Wiſdom and Goodneſs, will graciouſly incline him to ſearch out the true Cauſe of thoſe late unhappy Diſorders, and if he finds them to be owing to Matters of private Property, and a failure in the Execution of the Laws, as we eſteem the Caſe to be, then will he not impute any blame to us, or our Poſ-

terity, but both we and they muſt ſtill ſtand intereſted in his Royal favour.

We have carefully enquired into what Laws are already expired, and near expiring, and among the reſt do find the *Militia Act* is one, and have paſt Bills for reviving and continuing that, and all others under the like Circumſtances; to which we pray your Excellency's Aſſent.

We have made a careful and thorough enquiry into the State of our Paper Bills, and find the Currency of thoſe emitted on Loan to the Inhabitants of this Colony expired between Man and Man the 25th of *March* laſt O. S. but are to be received by the Comiſſioners of the Loan-Office, and the Treaſurer of the reſpective Diviſions of this Colony, for ſix Months thereafter, in which Time we have reaſon to believe they will be paid in according to the Tenor of the Laws by which they were iſſued; and then a Currency will be compleatly paid in, which hath been of great Service to this Colony, maintained its Credit without Fluctation, and the want of which will be but too ſenſibly experienced.

As the Funds at firſt deſigned for ſinking the Paper Bills (ſtruck on Loan to his Majeſty and otherwiſe given to Aid him in the late War) have principally failed, ſo we have ordered a Bill to be brought in, for ſupplying their Deficiency by raiſing a proper Fund for ſinking all thoſe Bills, whereby the Poſſeſſors thereof will ſee they are in no danger of loſs therein, which may give Life to their Currency untill the Time of their being ſunk. But as the Colony is now greatly involved in Debt upon Account of the late War, the Paper Currency heretofore emitted on Loan to the Inhabitants thereof, is already expired, the Intereſt of which for a long ſeries of Time diſcharged the Provincial Taxes; and ſeeing no ſolid dependance can be placed on the foreign Specie, that being ſo liable to be drawn hence for making Remittances to *Britain*, and as the Inhabitants of the Colony are daily praying for another Emiſſion of Paper Currency, who have the trueſt Senſe of their own Wants; ſo under all theſe exigencies it is abſolutely neceſſary, not only for our Relief in the Premiſes, and for granting the Prayers of the People, but alſo for the future Support of Government, that ſuch Emiſſion ſhould be granted, and therefore we ſhall not doubt your Excellency's beſt Endeavours for obtaining it.

We have paſt a Bill *for ſupport of Government, and ſupply of the Treaſury*, wherein we hope all concerned, will believe we have acted according to the good Rules of Reaſon and Juſtice.

We readily confeſs the general Intereſt of the Colony, and that of private Affairs, naturally preſs us to the ſpeedieſt Diſpatch in all ſuch Things as have, or ſhall come before us this Seſſion; and to the End the ſame may be ſhort and beneficial, we on our Part not only have endeavoured, but ſhall endeavour to promote the beſt Candour and Harmony, hoping the other Branches of the Legiſlature will concur with us herein.

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The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for levying of a Fund at different Periods by Provincial Taxes, for ſinking the Sum of Fifteen Thouſand Three Hundred and two Pounds and four Pence, now outſtanding in Bills of Credit made Current for his Majeſty's Service in the late War*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deacon*, Mr. *Newbold*, Mr. *Ogden*, and Mr. *Holmes*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Aſſfield* brought from the Council the Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal and explain part of an Act entitled, a ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns and hunting by Perſons not qualified*, together with ſundry Amendments thereto, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended by the Council be engroſſed.

Mr. *Aſſfield* alſo brought the following Meſſage from the Council.

Ordered,

'That Mr. *Aſſfield* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that this Houſe 'having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage of that Houſe of *Thurſday* 'laſt, requeſting a free Conference with a Committee of this Houſe, have 'appointed Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Johnſton*, and Mr. *Saltar*, to be a Committee 'of this Houſe for that Purpoſe, and that four o'Clock this Afternoon, at the 'Houſe of *Jonathan Thomas*, be the Time and Place of meeting.

'By Order of the Houſe,

'*Council Chamber, June 5, 1753.* *Richard Lloyd*, D. Clk.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Deacon*, Mr. *Newbold*, Mr. *Holmes* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, June 6. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the upper Parts of* Morris *County in* New-Jerſey *into a ſeparate County, to be called the County of* Suſſex, *and for building a Court Houſe and Gaol in each of ſaid Counties*, was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

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The Bill re-engroſſed with the Councils Amendments, entitled, *An Act to reveal and explain Part of an Act entitled, A ſupplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon*, &c. was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Vanvorſt* and Mr. *Deacon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Vanvorſt* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Smith* prayed leave to have the ſecond Reading of the Petition for a Bridge over *Raway River* deferred till next Seſſion.
Ordered,
That it be deferred accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Aſhfield*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill *for Support of Government*; and the Bill *for repealing an Act entitled, An Act for the repairing and amending the Highways*, &c. *in the Town of* Burlington, without any Amendment.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, made the following Report,

'*Ordered*,

'That *William Hancock*, Eſq; from the Committee appointed to meet a 'Committee of the Council, to conſider the moſt effectual Means for ob- 'taining the Royal Aſſent to a new Emiſſion of Paper Currency in this Pro- 'vince, do report to the General Aſſembly, that the ſaid Committees have 'met and ſeriouſly conſidered the Matters to them referred; and on the 'whole this Committee eſteem it adviſable for the Houſe of Aſſembly to 'Petition His Majeſty that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give leave to his 'Governor of this Colony to paſs a Law for ſuch Emiſſion.'

To which Report the Houſe agreed, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Emley* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of ſuch Petition.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Grievances of the Colony. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cook*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had conſidered the Information reſpecting the Appointment of *Enoch Anderſon* to be Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*, and that the

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Committee are of Opinion, if the ſaid *Anderſon* is appointed to that Station, it is a Grievance; he not having been Reſident in the ſaid County for three whole Years immediately preceeding his being ſo appointed, and therefore contrary to the Directions of an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act to oblige the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony of* New-Jerſey *to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the Diſcharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long continuance therein*: And as ſuch appointment, if made, is not agreeable to the Directions of the ſaid Act, this Committee is of Opinion is a Grievance, and will report it to the Houſe to make Application to his Excellency to redreſs the ſame.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that this Houſe have been credibly informed, that *Enoch Anderſon* hath received a Commiſſion for the Office of Sheriff for the County of *Hunterdon*, altho' he hath not been a Reſident in the ſaid County for three whole Years immediately preceeding his being appointed to the ſaid Office, which the Houſe are of Opinion, is contrary to the Directions of the late Sheriff Act, and a Grievance to the Publick, which the Houſe prays his Excellency will ſpeedily Redreſs.

The Houſe adjourned till two *P. M.*

The Houſe met and adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, June 7. 1753.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Leonard* acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill *for levying of a Fund at different Periods*, &c. and the Bill *for dividing* Morris *County*, without any Amendment.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Draught of a Petition to His Majeſty, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd to 2. P. M.

The Houſe met.

The Draught of a Petition to His Majeſty was read the ſecond Time, and ſeveral Amendments being made thereto,

Ordered,
That the ſame, as amended, be Engroſſed.

Mr. *Cook* one of the Perſons appointed to draw for the Money in the Agents Hands, informed the Houſe, that the Bills were moſt of them ſold, and produced a Receipt from *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, certifying that he had received the Sum of *Thirteen Hundred and Forty Pounds*, Proclamation Money, on that Account.

Ordered,
That the King's Printer of this Colony do forthwith Print three Hundred and thirty four Copies of the Laws which may be paſſed this Seſſion, and ſend three Hundred and four of them as ſoon as poſſible to the ſeveral Members of this Houſe,

For the Uſe of	*Middleſex*,	25	*Glouceſter*	25.
	Monmouth,	36	*Salem*	21
	Eſſex	16	*Cape-May*	15
	Somerſet	20	*Hunterdon*	31
	Bergen	17	*Morris*	30
	Burlington	50	*Cumberland*	21.

To be diſtributed in each County as follows.

To the Members each	1	Collector of each County	1
Firſt Judge of the County	1	Collector of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Aſſeſſors each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1		

And the ſaid Printer ſhall ſend the Remainder to either of the Treaſurers to be given as follows.

To the GOVERNOR	4	Treaſurers each	1
Each of the Council	1	Attorney General	1
Each of the Judges of the Supream Court	1	Clerks of the Houſe each	1
		Clerk of the Council	1
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	The Agent	4

Ordered,
That the ſaid Printer Print 273 Set of the Votes of the Houſe this

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Seſſion, as ſoon as conveniently he can, and ſend 48 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion, to be diſtributed as follows.

To the GOVERNOR	8
Each of the Council	2
The Agent	6
The Officers of the Houſe and Council each	1

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows.

For *Perth-Amboy*	10	*Burlington* City	10
Middleſex	16	*Burlington County*	16
Monmouth	30	*Glouceſter*	16
Eſſex	25	*Salem and Cumberland*	20
Somerſet	18	*Cape-May*	12
Bergen	16	*Hunterdon and Morris*	36

The Houſe adjourn'd till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday, June 8. 1753.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Petition to His Majeſty was read and compared.

Ordered,
That the ſame be Signed by Mr. *Speaker*, and tranſmitted to the Agent of this Colony to be laid before his Majeſty, by the Committee of Correſpondents.

And the ſaid Petition is as follows.

To the KING's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The Petition of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Colony of New-Jerſey *in General Aſſembly met*,

Moſt humbly Sheweth,

THAT the frequent Remittances to *Great-Britain* of the foreign Specie, drains their Colony thereof, and renders a Currency of our own abſolutely neceſſary; which induced the Legiſlature here in the Years 1730 and 1733, to paſs two Acts of General Aſſembly for emitting on Loan *Sixty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to both which Acts your Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to give your Royal Aſſent on the 4th of *May* 1735, and the Bills emitted on the Act of 1730, have long ſince been ſunk according to the Tenor of that Act: And the Currency of thoſe emitted on

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the Act of 1733, expired between Man and Man the 25th of *March* laſt, O. S. However by the Tenor of ſaid Act thoſe of them yet outſtanding, are to be received for Six Months after, by the Commiſſioners of the Loan Office and the Treaſurers of the reſpective Diviſions of this Colony, in which Time there is no Reaſon to doubt but that the ſmall Part remaining will be fully paid in according to the Directions of the ſaid Act; and then an End will be put to a Currency which hath conſtantly maintained its Credit, and been of great Service to the Publick.

That in Obedience to your Royal Pleaſure, ſignified by the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and through a becoming Zeal for the Succeſs and Glory of your Majeſty's Arms, in the late War againſt the Forces of *France* and *Spain*, this Colony hath exerted itſelf to the utmoſt of its ability, and beſide other Sums advanced on thoſe Occaſions, is now actually involved in Debt upon Account thereof the Sum of Fifteen Thouſand three Hundred and two Pounds and four Pence, which for want of other Funds wherewith to raiſe it, was diſcharged by Paper Bills made Current at different Times for that Purpoſe, yet remaining to be ſunk.

That as no ſure Dependance can be placed on the foreign Specie for ſinking the ſaid Bill, ſo ſome other Proviſion more certain is abſolutely neceſſary to be made.

That as the Intereſt of the Paper Currency (which for a long ſeries of Time ſupported the Government) will henceforth yield no further Relief, and as the Colony is involved in Debt upon Account of the late War, thoſe Circumſtances concurring, will render it unable to ſupport Government ſo amply as heretofore, unleſs effectually relieved.

That if the Colony is not timely ſupplied with a Paper Currency, a ſcene of Want and deep Diſtreſs will inevitably enſue; and indeed has already found utterance in the repeated Complaints of a needy People, exhibited to this Houſe by ſundry Petitions, wherein they repreſent their Diſtreſs (who have the trueſt Senſe of their own wants) and pray for another Emiſſion of Paper Currency in Terms moſt moving and truly affecting to your Majeſty's Petitioners, which excite our Pity and Compaſſion towards them, and the rather becauſe we know their Complaints are genuine and unaffected.

That ſuch Emiſſion of Paper Currency, if granted, would not only yield Relief in the Premiſes, but might alſo prove Beneficial to the Britiſh Merchants themſelves, ſeeing it will not only be ſtruck upon a ſtable Foundation, and therefore not liable to ſink in Value, but will alſo enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge their Debts already contracted for Britiſh Merchandize, and likewiſe enable them to deal more largely for ſuch Merchandize for the future, then they could otherwiſe do; for by this Means they will be furniſhed with a Currency of their own, not liable to be drawn from them until the legal Expiration thereof, and therefore can

the better ſpare that little foreign Specie of which they are poſſeſſed; not only in Payment of ſuch Debts already contracted, but alſo in purchaſing ſuch other of the Britiſh Merchandize which they may hereafter need.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

For enabling this Colony to ſink the Bills of Credit aforeſaid, made current for the Service of the late War; alſo for enabling the Colony to ſupport Government as amply as heretofore; likewiſe for relieving the Diſtreſſes of a needy People, and finally for the real Advantage of the Britiſh Merchants themſelves, we your Majeſty's Petitioners, with great Humility implore you to grant your Royal leave to our Governor, to give his Aſſent to a Bill for making Current *Sixty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, upon the like footing of thoſe heretofore emitted within this Colony by your Majeſty's Conſent: And we aſſure ourſelves your gracious Indulgence herein, will be eſteemed by thoſe we have the Honour to Repreſent, as a ſingular Inſtance of your Majeſty's paternal Care and Goodneſs towards them, and be received by us with the trueſt Senſe of Gratitude, who as in Duty bound, ſhall ever pray.

By Order of the Houſe,

June 8. 1753. CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed on the Treaſurers Accounts, made the following Report.

The Committees appointed to Inſpect the Treaſurers Accounts do agree that *Aaron Leaming* do make the following Report to the General Aſſembly

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of the Province of *New-Jersey*, Dr.

To the following Arrears as they were reported in 1744 and 1747.						
	Middlesex	*l.* 18	18	5¼		
	Ditto in 1730	25	0	0		
					43	18 5¼
	Somerset now paid in				18	3 0
To sundry Arrears in the Interest Money as per Report in 1744 and 1747.						
	Bergen	*l.* 21	4	9¼		
	Essex	72	6	5¾		
	Middlesex	38	12	7¼		
					132	3 10¼
Ballance as per Report in 1747					4777	16 0½
Ballance of Arming and Cloathing per ditto Report					945	18 0
Interest arising from the £. 20000 and £. 10,000 Emissions in 1748	*Bergen*	*l* 111	12	9		
	Essex	186	19	9		
	Middlesex	136	5	3		
	Monmouth	235	15	6		
	Somerset	50	7	6		
					741	0 9
1749	*Bergen*	*l.* 80	18	6		
	Essex	135	19	0		
	Middlesex	113	3	6		
	Monmouth	172	3	10½		
	Somerset	35	15	0		
					537	19 10½
On the *l.* 40000 Emission, the *l.* 20000 being expired in 1749. 1750	*Bergen*	*l.* 62	8	0		
	Essex	104	12	0		
	Middlesex	86	8	0		
	Monmouth	132	1	0		
	Somerset	28	0	0		
					413	9 0
1751	*Bergen*	*l.* 41	18	6		
	Essex	70	11	6		
	Middlesex	57	13	6		
	Monmouth	89	13	3		
	Somerset	18	5	0		
					278	1 9
1752 and 1753	*Bergen*	*l.* 22	8	6		
	Essex	39	1	6		
	Middlesex,	29	3	6		
	Monmouth	52	2	3		
	Somerset,	7	5	0		
					150	0 9
To Monies payable the 10th of *June* 1752, in the *l.* 6000 Tax. From						
	Bergen	*l.* 395	7	10⅝		
	Essex	467	2	9⅝		
	Middlesex	543	16	3⅛		
	Monmouth	788	12	0¾		
	Somerset	669	18	6⅛		
					2864	17 6
Payable on the 21st of *November* 1752, in the *l* 2000 Tax. *From*						
	Bergen	*l.* 131	15	11		
	Essex	155	14	3⅛		
	Middlesex	181	5	5		
	Monmouth	262	17	4⅜		
	Somerset	223	6	2		
					954	19 1⅛
					11858	8 0⅞

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion of the Province of *New-Jerſey*. Cr.

By the two Deficiencies ſtill outſtanding in *Middleſex*					43	18 5½
By ſundry Deficiencies in the Intereſt Money ſtill outſtanding, as by Reports in 1744 and 1747						
	Bergen	*l.* 21	4	9½		
	Eſſex	72	6	5¾		
	Middleſex	38	12	7¼		
					132	3 10½
1749 The Sum of *l.* 8 2 6 lay in the Hands of the Commiſſioners of *Middleſex*, for want of Borrowers, by which there is a Deficiency in the Intereſt, of						8 1½
By ſundry Vouchers examined, allowed and endorſed by the Committees *October* 5. 1750, and *October* 4. 1751, amounting to					6837	15 6
By ſundry Vouchers Examined, Allowed, and Endorſed by the Committees *May* 30. 1753, amounting to					3795	4 2
By two Deficiencies outſtanding of the Intereſt of the *l.* 40000, *viz.*						
	Somerſet	*l.* 73	14	0		
	Eſſex	75	14	5		
					149	8 5
By a Deficiency of 20 *ſ.* per Annum for three Years, *viz.* 1750, 1751, and 1752, occaſioned by a Miſcalculation in the County of *Bergen*					3	0 0
By Ballance due to the Colony					298	9 6½
					£. 11858	8 0½

By Order of the Committees,

LEWIS M. ASHFIELD,
AARON LEAMING.

The

The Committees appointed to inſpect the Treaſurers Accompts, do agree that *Aaron Leaming* do make the following Report to the Houſe of Aſſembly.

The Executors of *John Allen*, Eſq; late Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion of *New-Jerſey*, Dr.

To Arrears in *Burlington* as the ſame was reported in 1747.		*l.* 18	8	11		
To two Deficiencies in the Intereſt of the firſt *l.* 40000 as reported in 1747, &c. viz						
	Burlington	*l.* 13	7	2¼		
	Cape May		4	7¾		
			13	11	10	
						32 0 9
To the Ballance reported Anno 1747, to be in the ſaid Treaſurers Hands,						2176 19 8
To Monies received of the Weſtern Commiſſioners for arming, &c the Forces, being the Sum reported in their Hand at laſt Settlement						171 19 6
To Intereſt ariſing from the *l.* 20,000, and *l.* 40,000 Emiſſions and payable in the Years 1748, 1749, and 1750, from the following Counties, viz.	*Hunterdon*	*l.* 220	5	•		
	Burlington		388	6	3	
	Glouceſter		264	9	4½	
	Salem		454	3	3	
	Cape-May		90	9	0	
						1417 12 10½
To Monies Received of the Weſtern Commiſſioners for Arming and Victualling the Forces, being the Sum reported to be in their Hands 1747						7 1 5
To Monies received of the Weſtern Commiſſioners for Arming and Cloathing the Forces, being the Sum reported to be in their Hands						132 18 0
						£. 3938 12 2½

The Executors of *John Allen*, Esq; late Treasurer of the Western Division of *New-Jersey*, Cr.

By the Arrears and Deficiencies due from *Burlington* and *Cape May* as per the Dr. Side, amounting to 32 0 9

By Deficiencies on the Interest of the *l.* 20,000 and *l.* 40,000 Emissions, in the Years 1748, 1749 and 1750 due from the following Counties, *viz.*

	l.		
Gloucester	13	6	1
Salem, said to be paid to Mr. *Smith*	111	1	0
Cape May, said to be paid to Mr. *Smith*	22	4	0

146 11 1

By sundry Vouchers as examined and accounted for by the Committees in *October* 1750, amounting to 3727 11 6

By an Allowance of *l* 5 14 8, being the Interest of *l.* 114 13 10, which lay in the Hands of *Burlington* Loan Officers Anno 1746 for want of Borrowers 5 14 8

N. B. The Truth of this Article we recommend to the House further to consider, it not appearing clear to us

By Ballance due to the Colony 26 14 2½

£. 3938 12 2½

By Order of the Committees

LEWIS M. ASHFIELD,
AARON LEAMING.

The Committees appointed to examine the Treaſurers Accompts do agree that *Aaron Leaming* do make the following Report.

SAMUEL SMITH, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, Dr.

To Arrears in *Burlington* County, as the ſame was reported in the Years 1744 and 1747.				*l.* 18	8	11		
To Deficiencies in the Intereſt of the firſt *l.* 40 000, as the ſame was reported in 1744, &c.	*Burlington*	*l.* 13	7	2½				
	Cape May		4	7¾				
				13	11	10		
							32	0 9
To Deficiencies in the Intereſt in 1750, that ought to have been paid to Mr. *Allen*, viz.	*Hunterdon*			0	5	6		
	Glouceſter			13	6	1		
	Salem			111	1	0		
	Cape May			22	4	0		
							146	16 7
To Intereſt ariſing from the *l.* 40,000 Emiſſion, 1751	*Burlington*			64	2	6		
	Glouceſter			43	6	3		
	Salem			75	1	6		
	Cape May			14	8	0		
	Hunterdon			35	10	0		
							232	8 3
1752 and 1753	*Burlington*			35	12	6		
	Glouceſter			22	6	3		
	Salem			42	1	6		
	Cape May			5	8	0		
	Hunterdon			15	10	0		
							120	18 3
To Caſh of Mr. *Clayton* being one Moiety of the Forfeiture of a Pedlar By Law for Support of Government, there is made Payable from the following Counties in the *l.* 6000 Tax, on June 10. 1752. From							1	10 0
	Burlington	750	2	3¼				
	Glouceſter	469	1	7⅞				
	Salem	419	2	6¾				
	Cape May	100	5	0				
	Hunterdon	850	13	1⅛				
	Morris	333	7	7⅝				
	Cumberland	212	10	2⅜				
							3135	2 4⅝
On *October* 21. 1752. on the *l.* 2000 Tax, From								
	Burlington	250	0	9				
	Glouceſter	156	7	2¾				
	Salem	139	14	2				
	Cape May	33	8	5⅛				
	Huntingdon	283	11	0⅜				
	Morris	111	2	0¾				
	Cumberland	70	16	9				
							1045	0 10⅝
To Ballance due from the Executors of Treaſurer *Allen*, as per Report of this Seſſion							26	14 2¾
							£. 4-40	11 3⅝

SAMUEL SMITH, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion of the Province of *New-Jerſey*. Cr.

By the two Deficiencies in *Burlington* and one in *Cape May* as per Dr. Side		32	0	9
By a Deficiency ariſing in the Intereſt from *Glouceſter* County in 1750, that ought to have been paid Mr. *Allen*		13	6	1
By Caſh paid *David Hall* for 2 Pennſylvania Law Books		5	13	6
By ſundry Vouchers Examined, Allowed, and Endorſed by the Committees *May* 31. 1753, amounting in the whole to		4468	11	11
By ſeveral Deficiencies in the Intereſt ariſing in 1752, *viz* and 1753				
	Cape May *l.* 1 0 0			
	Burlington 2 7 6			
	Glouceſter 8 9			
	Salem 3 0 6			
		6	16	9
By a Deficiency in *Hunterdon* in the *l* 6000 Tax, *June* 10. 1752 *l.* 6 0 0				
Ditto in *Burlington* in the *l.* 2000 Tax, *November* 21. 1752. 2 12 4				
		8	12	4
By Ballance due from the Executors of Treaſurer *Allen*, as per Report of this Seſſion		26	14	2½
By Ballance due to the Colony		180	15	9½
		£. 4740	11	3½

By Order of the Committees,

LEWIS M. ASHFIELD,
AARON LEAMING.

And

And the ſaid Committees being alſo ordered to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, do further Report, That there ought to have been ſunk on the £. 20,000 and £. 40,000 Emiſſions, in 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, and 1753, the following Sums in the following Counties, *viz.*

Burlington.	On the 20,000 *l.*	308 15 0	for 2 Years	617 10 0				
	On the 40000 *l.*	617 10 0	for 6 Years	3705 0 0				
						4322	10	0
Glouceſter.	On the 20000 *l.*	214 7 6	for 2 Years	428 15 0				
	On the 40000 *l.*	428 15 0	for 6 Years	2572 10 0				
						3001	5	0
Salem	On the 20000 *l.*	360 5 0	for 2 Years	720 10 0				
	On the 40000 *l.*	720 10 0	for 6 Years	4323 0 0				
	A Deficiency as per Report in 1747			1081 6 6				
						6124	16	6
Cape-May	On the 20000 *l.*	78 0 0	for 2 Years	156 0 0				
	On the 40000 *l.*	156 0 0	for 6 Years	936 0 0				
						1092	0	0
Hunterdon	On the 20000 *l.*	185 0 0	for 2 Years	370 0 0				
	On the 40000 *l.*	370 0 0	for 6 Years	2220 0 0				
	A Deficiency reported in 1747			2 7 0				
						2592	7	0

And the ſaid Committees do further Report, that Mrs. *Allen*, Widow of the late Treaſurer *Allen*: And *Samuel Smith*, Eſq; the preſent Weſtern Treaſurer, laid before the ſaid Committees the ſeveral Sums following, which were cancelled in the Weſtern Counties. And which ſaid Sums the ſaid Committees deſtroyed by Burning, *viz.*

Burlington.	By Mrs. *Allen* 1 Bundle containing	926 5 0		
	By Mr. *Smith* 3 Bundles,	2047 7 0		
			2973	12 0
Glouceſter	By Mrs. *Allen*, 5 bundles	1514 19 9		
	By Mr. *Smith*, 2 bundles	857 10 0		
			2372	9 9
Salem.	By Mrs. *Allen* 3 bundles	2161 19 0		
	By Mr. *Smith* 6 bundles	2591 0 6		
			4752	19 6
Cape-May.	By Mrs. *Allen* 8 bundles	624 0 0		
	By Mr. *Smith* 2 bundles	312 0 0		
			936	0 0
Hunterdon.	By Mrs. *Allen* 3 bundles	546 11 6		
	By Mr. *Smith* 10 bundles	1900 17 6		

By which it appears that in the aforeſaid Six Years

Burlington Ought to have cancelled	*l.* 4322 10 0		
They have cancell'd	2973 12 0		
Burlington have not cancelled their Quotas by	1388 18 0		
But it appears from the ſaid Treaſurer's Accompts, that he has received of *Robert Smith*, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners, in Bills of Credit not cancelled, One Sum of	20 0 6		
And another of	93 17 6		
	113 18 0		
Which the Committee are of Opinion ought to be allowed when the ſame is cancelled according to Law. By which it appears, that the whole Deficiency of Payment in *Burlington*, is the Sum of being the Sums that ought to have been ſunk in 1752 and 1753.		1235	0 0

Glouceſter

Glouceſter	Ought to have cancell'd	3001 5 0		
	They have cancell'd	2372 9 9		
	So that *Glouceſter* is Deficient the Sum of		628 15 3	
Salem	Ought to have cancelled	6124 16 6		
	They have cancell'd	4752 19 6		
	So that *Salem* is Deficient the Sum of		1371 17 •	
Cape May	Ought to have cancelled	1092 0 0		
	They have cancelled	936 0 0		
	So that *Cape May* is Deficient their Quota for 1753, being		156 • •	
Hunterdon	Ought to have cancelled	2592 7 0		
	They have cancelled	2447 9 0		
	So that theſe Committees think *Hunterdon* is Deficient		144 18 •	

But the Honourable *John Reading*, Eſq; Commiſſioner of the ſaid County, declared that it is Opinion, there is a Miſtake in this Calculation ; but as his Vouchers are not here. he deſires leave to make the ſame appear next Seſſion.

And theſe Committees do further Report, it is their Opinions, that if the above mentioned old Deficiencies outſtanding in the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Bergen*, *Eſſex*, *Burlington* and *Cape-May*, are not fully diſcharged by the next meeting of General Aſſembly, it will be adviſeable that Proſecutions be immediately carried on againſt the Delinquents; or that ſome Law be provided for raiſing the ſeveral Sums on the reſpective Counties ſo Deficient.

Burlington June 8. 1753.

By Order of the Committees,

LEWIS M. ASHFIELD.
AARON LEAMING.

To which Report the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Ogden* do go to the Council, and deſire to know if they have any Thing before them to hinder this Houſe from applying to his Excellency to be diſmiſſed.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to the Council, who ſaid they had nothing before them.

Ordered,

That the ſame Gentlemen acquaint the Governor, that this Houſe have nothing before them, and deſire he will pleaſe to diſmiſs them. Being returned, they reported, that his Excellency ſaid the Houſe ſhould ſoon hear from him.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council in the Words following.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.

IN Anſwer to your Meſſage of Yeſterday I would obſerve to you, that upon the late Appointment of *William Deare*, Eſq; to be Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex*, &c. the Houſe of Aſſembly ſeemed by a Meſſage to me, to intimate that his Appointment was a breach of that Part of the Sheriff Law, reſpecting the Reſidency of ſuch Perſons as might be appointed Sheriff; the Anſwer whereto is upon your Records and to which I refer you. And the Caſe of *Enoch Anderſon*, Eſq; being ſimilar to that of Mr. *Deare's*, I did not ſuppoſe the appointing him to be any Infraction upon the Law which I would always carefully avoid.

You muſt be ſenſib'e, Gentlemen, after an Act is paſs'd by the whole Legiſlature, no ſingle branch can expound upon it, but that it is always entirely left to the Judges of the Land, and others learned in the Law; and to ſuch a Deciſion I am very ready to ſubmit the preſent Caſe, and if it ſhould be then determined to be a Grievance I will imediately redreſs it.

Burlington
June 8th 1753 *J. BELCHER*

Reſolved,
That it is the undoubted Right of this Houſe to enquire into and complain of the breach of any Law of this Province

Reſolved,
That the Appointment of *Enoch Anderſon*, as Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, is againſt a Law of this Province

Reſolved,
That the Governors Anſwer to the Meſſage of this Houſe on that Occaſion, is not Satisfactory: To which this Houſe will give a more particular Anſwer next Seſſion.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainting the Houſe, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and required the attendance of the Houſe. Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleaſed to paſs the following Laws *viz.*

1. *An Act for levying a Fund, at different Periods by Provincial Taxes, for ſinking the Sum of Fifteen Thouſand Three Hundred and two Pounds and four Pence, now outſtanding in Bills of Credit made Current for His Majeſty's Service in the late War.*

2. *An Act for the ſupport of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the* Twenty-firſt *Day of* November, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, and to end the Twenty firſt Day of* May *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four, and to diſcharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and Contingent Charges thereof; and for ſettling*

ſettling of the Quotas in the reſpective Counties and levying of a Provincial Tax.

3. *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.*

4. *An Act for chuſing Overſeers of the Highways.*

5. *An Act to repeal and explain part of an Act entitled, a ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns and hunting by Perſons not qualified.*

6. *An Act for the further revival and continuance of an Act entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt.*

7. *An Act to further continue an Act entitled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions, paſſed in the Nineteenth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign.*

8. *An Act for erecting the upper Parts of* Morris *County in* New-Jerſey *into a ſeparate County, to be called the County of* Suſſex, *and for building a Court Houſe and Gaol in each of the ſaid Counties.*

9. *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for the better repairing and amending the publick Highways, Roads, Streets, Wharff and Bridges in the Town of* Burlington.

10. *A ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame.*

11. *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both Sides of* Manington Creek, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them.*

And then the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech, of which the following is a Copy.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

UPON what you have ſaid to me in your Addreſs brought me the 5th Inſtant, I think proper to obſerve to you, that upon a careful Examination you will find, your Conſtituton is wholly built upon the wiſe Foundation of his Majeſty's Royal Commiſſion and his Collatoral Orders to his Governors; and while I am acting with Duty and Obedience to thoſe, I am ſure of my Royal Maſters Approbation, nor can I doubt, but that I ſhall have your reaſonable Plaudit alſo in ſo conducting my Adminiſtration; and while I ſay I have thus done as to the following Articles,

Of

Of my calling you the laſt Winter to *Elizabeth Town.*
My laying before you his Majeſty's Inſtruction about a reviſal of your Laws.
And my preſſing upon you the making ſome more effectual Law for ſtrengthening and guarding the Kings Goals, and for the ſuppreſſing any Riots and Tumults in this Province for the future.

I hope it will be a ſatisfactory Anſwer to you, relating to what you have ſaid to me on thoſe Heads, and Time muſt diſcover who will have had the moſt tender and paternal Regard to this People, by endeavouring to ſet them in the moſt favourable Light to his Majeſty, and thereby to procure the beſt Eſtabliſhment of the Government and the future well being and happineſs of the People, which have been my greateſt care and ſolicitude from my firſt arrival among you.

I am glad to ſee you have gone through the publick Affairs of the Province with ſo much Diligence and Diſpatch, and that ſo good an Agreement has ſubſiſted between his Majeſty's Council and your Houſe in paſſing the ſeveral Bills that have been laid before me, and to which I have given my Aſſent

And I now wiſh you well to your ſeveral Places of abode, and much Proſperity in your Domeſtick Affairs; and I hope you will in your different Stations be promoting Peace and good Order in the Province to the utmoſt of your Power.

Burlington,
June 8th 1753. J. BELCHER

And then the Governor was pleaſed to prorogue the Houſe to the 10th of *July* next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia,* to print theſe Votes.

CHARLES READ, *Speaker.*

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THE

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Assembly

OF THE

Province of *NEW-JERSEY*,

Begun at *Perth-Amboy*, Wednesday *April* 17, 1754, and adjourn'd to *Elizabeth-Town*, Thursday *April* 25, 1754.

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VOTES
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PERTH-AMBOY, *Wedneſday April* 17, 1754.

PURSUANT to ſundry Prorogations of the General Aſſembly of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, from Time to Time, until this Day, the Houſe met; and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday April 18, 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday April 19, 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday April 20, 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday April 22, 1754.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Ogden*, wait on his Excellency at *Elizabeth-Town*, and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tueſday April 23, 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Low* reports, that, according to the Order of the Houſe, Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that as ſoon as there were a Council, the Houſe might expect to hear from him immediately.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday

Wedneſday April 24, 1754.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Secretary.

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,

'I Received your Meſſage of the 22d Inſtant, informing me, that on that Day you had a ſufficient Number of your Houſe to go upon Buſineſs: When I ordered Mr. Secretary to ſend his circular Letters, to call you together, to meet at *Perth-Amboy*, I was in Hopes to be ſo far reſtored to my Health and Strength, by the Time of meeting, as to have been able to attend the preſent Seſſions at that Place; which wou'd have been moſt pleaſing to me; but my Recovery has been very ſlow, by Reaſon of which I am ſo low and weak, that I cannot, without the Peril of my Life, undertake a Journey ſo far at this Time; have therefore been under the Neceſſity, to take Advice of Council, on my adjourning you to this Place, who have concurred with me therein: As his Majeſty's Service, and the Good of the common Cauſe, requires your ſpeedy entring on Buſineſs of the greateſt Moment; have therefore ordered Mr. Secretary, to adjourn the Council and your Houſe, by Writ under the Seal of the Province, to meet here To-morrow.'

Elizabeth-Town,
April 24, 1754.

J. BELCHER.

Then Mr. Secretary read the Writ of Adjournment, under the Great Seal of the Province, whereby the Houſe is adjourn'd till To-morrow, to meet at *Elizabeth-Town.*

Elizabeth-Town, Thurſday April 25, 1754.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Wetherill*, wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that, purſuant to the Adjournment of Yeſterday, there are a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs, met at *Elizabeth-Town*; and are ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf, performed the Order of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd for Half an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Houſe immediately.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went to wait on His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had attended his Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes; of which Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,
That his Excellency's Speech be read: And it was read, and is as follows.

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly*,

" ALTHOUGH I am ſenſible it is a buſy Seaſon, yet his Majeſty's " Royal Orders, have made it abſolutely neceſſary to call you together " at this Time; and I have directed the Seceretary, to lay before you the " following Letters.

" One from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Holderneſſe*, one of His " Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, dated, *Whitehall*, *Auguſt* 28, 1753.

" And another from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for " Trade and Plantations, dated, *Whitehall*, *September* 18, 1753.

" The firſt Letter you will ſee, relates to any hoſtile Attempts or Incroach- " ments that ſhould be made on the Limits of the King's Dominions.

" And the other reſpects an Interview that is to be held the Middle of " *June* next, with the Chiefs of the *Six Nations* at *Albany*.

" I have alſo ordered to be communicated to you, three Letters from the " Honourable Mr. *Dinwiddie*, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in " Chief, of his Majeſty's Territory and Dominion of *Virginia*; which give " you the Particulars of the Invaſion and Depredations made by a Body " of *French* and *Indians*, on the King's Lands; and of the cruel Bar- " barities and Murders committed by them on his good Subjects; and all " done in Infraction of the Treaties of Peace, made between his *Britiſh* " Majeſty and the *French* King.

" I alſo ſend with the other Letters mentioned, One from his Excellency " Mr. *Shirley*, Governor of His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſets Bay*, in " *New-England*.

" Another from the Honourable Mr. *De Lancey*, Lieutenant Governor and " Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*.

" By theſe Two Letters, you will find the unjuſt Attempts the *French* are " making upon the King's Territories in *New-England*; and that they ſeem " to be laying Schemes for a General Deſtruction and Ruin of the *Engliſh* " Provinces on this Continent: As alſo, the great Neceſſity of our joining " with the other Colonies, in ſending Commiſſioners to *Albany* in *June* next, " there to conſult the moſt prudent Meaſures for holding and confirming the " *Six Nations* in the *Engliſh* Intereſt. Yet, if, upon the Whole, there be- " comes a ſtrict Union among all His Majeſty's Colonies, we may reaſonably " hope, (with the Help of God) the Deſigns of the *French*, will ſoon be

" rendered vain and abortive; which at preſent ſo nearly affect the Honour " and Intereſt of the Crown of *Great Britain*, as well as the future Peace " and Welfare of this and the neighbouring Provinces: I therefore earneſtly " recommend to your moſt deliberate and mature Conſideration, theſe " extraordinary Proceedings; and then I ſhall not doubt your doing every " Thing in your Power, in Aid and Aſſiſtance with the reſt of the *Engliſh* " Colonies: I ſay, I hope you will chearfully unite with them, to ward off " from yourſelves and your Poſterity, the fatal Conſequences that muſt attend " the preſent unjuſtifiable Violences and Inſults of the *French* (in Conjunction " with the *Indians.)* And on this Occaſion, it is with Pleaſure, *Gentlemen*, " that I mention to you, the Zeal and Alacrity, with which many of our " Neighbours have already exerted themſelves, for the King's Honour and " Intereſt, and in Compaſſion to their Fellow-Subjects, on this uncommon " Exigency. And your anſwering the King's juſt Expectations in theſe " important Affairs, you may depend, will greatly recommend you to the " Royal Grace and Favour.

" *Gentlemen*,

" You will according to your wonted Care, make Inquiry into any temporary " Laws that are expired, and that ought to be revived.

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,

" As the Proviſion made in your laſt Seſſion, for the Support of the Govern- " ment, expires the next Month; I ſhall not doubt, your now doing what " may be neceſſary for maintaining the Honour and Juſtice of the Province.

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly*,

" I deſire you will conſider of any Thing you may think further needful to " be done at this Seſſion, for His Majeſty's Service, and for the Welfare of " His good People; and on your laying it before me, you may be aſſured, I " ſhall heartily concur with you therein.

Elizabeth-Town,
April 25, 1754.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
His Excellency's Speech have a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday April 26, 1754,

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech was read a ſecond Time, and committed, (with the Letters and Papers therein referred to) to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider his Excellency's Speech, and the Letters and Papers therein referred to: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair,

Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Houſe had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, to whom was committed his Excellency's Speech, and other Matters therein referred to, reported, that the Houſe had come to a Reſolution, that a Meſſage be ſent to his Excellency thereupon: And on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday April 27, 1754.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, That this Houſe had his Speech under Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe; and by the Papers that he was pleaſed to order to be laid before them, it does not appear what Schemes are concerted by the ſeveral Governors of the Colonies, for preventing the Incroachments of the *French*, upon His Majeſty's Dominions; nor does it appear, that the Colonies of *Maryland* or *Pennſilvania*, have yet done any Thing in that Affair; though they are ſituated much nearer to the *French* Forts: That this Houſe is of Opinion with your Excellency, that there ſhould be a ſtrict Union amongſt all his Majeſty's Colonies, on this important Affair: But as this Colony, have never been Parties to any Treaties with the *Five Nations*, and their Allies, nor Partakers of the Benefits of the *Indian* Trade, and conſequently quite unacquainted with the Intereſt and Trade of thoſe *Indians*; they therefore hope it will not be taken as a Neglect of the Common Cauſe at this Time, to leave the Management of the Treaty to the Colonies that are accuſtomed to carry on thoſe Negotiations. They are of Opinion from Lieutenant Governor *Dinwiddie*'s Letters to your Excellency, that Nothing appears in them more than a Deſign to build a Fortification in the Forks of *Ohio*, in order to check the Incroachments of the *French*, and to protect the *Indians* in Alliance with *Great Britain*, in that Part of the Country: And from the Time theſe Things have been in Agitation in the Colony of *Virgina*, they are in Hopes they are, before this Time, happily compleated: However, the Duty and Loyalty of the good People of this Colony, ſufficiently appears by their Conduct on former Expeditions. This Colony, though lying under a great Load of Debt, by aſſiſting his Majeſty in the late Wars againſt *Spain* and *France*, are, however, willing chearfully to contribute towards the Aſſiſtance of the other Colonies, in what is neceſſary towards preventing the Incroachments of the *French* on his Majeſty's Dominions; but at preſent, are not of Ability to do it, having no Money in the Treaſury, nor any Funds upon which it can be raiſed: Which this Houſe hopes the Colony will ſoon be relieved in, by his Majeſty's giving Leave to

your

your Excellency, to paſs a Bill, for emitting a Sum of Money on Loan, whereby they may be enabled, not only to diſcharge the old Debts, but to have a conſtant Fund to aſſiſt his Majeſty upon Caſes of the like Emergency: And that the Houſe return his Excellency Thanks, for his Care in calling them together on this emergent Affair; and ſhould have been well pleaſed, had his Health permitted him, to have met them at *Amboy*.

As it is impracticable at this Time to do any Thing in Aſſiſtance of the neighbouring Colonies, they beg your Excellency will be pleaſed to diſmiſs them till your Health will permit you to meet them at *Amboy*, where they will take the other Matters of your Excellency's Speech into their Conſideration.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe with them intruſted, to his Excellency; who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him on Monday next.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday April 29, 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

Ordered,

That *James Parker* do print 273 Sets of the Votes of this Houſe, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſend 48 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion, to be diſtributed as follows.

To the GOVERNOR	8.
Each of the Council	2.
The Agent	6.
The Officers of the Houſe and Council each	1.

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows.

For *Perth-Amboy*,	10.	City of *Burlington*,	10.
Middleſex,	16.	County of *Burlington*,	16.
Monmouth,	30.	*Glouceſter*,	16.
Eſſex,	25.	*Salem* and *Cumberland*,	20.
Somerſet,	18.	*Cape-May*,	12.
Bergen,	16.	*Hunterdon*, and *Morris*,	36.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency has commanded me to deliver the following Meſſage.

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,

" IN Anſwer to your Meſſage of the 27th Inſtant, by Mr. *Lawrence* and " Mr. *Hancock*, I muſt obſerve, That the Method you have taken of " anſwering my Speech, by a Meſſage, is unuſual, if not without Precedent, " and is treating his Majeſty's Repreſentive with leſs Reſpect than was due to " the

" the Commiſſion he has the Honour to bear, or to his own kind and bene-
" volent Intentions, for the promoting the Welfare of the good People of
" this Province, whom you repreſent. Nor can I think you ſhould have
" looked into the Conduct of ſuch of his Majeſty's Colonies who have leaſt
" exerted themſelves, in order to put a Stop to the Encroachments of the
" *French*, for an Example to follow in this critical and dangerous Time.
" There is no Room to doubt, but that *Pennſylvania* and *Maryland* have ap-
" pointed Commiſſioners to repreſent them at the Treaty to be held at *Albany*,
" in *June* next; and 'tis probable their Commiſſioners may be inſtructed to
" concert Meaſures for their mutual Defence, in Conjunction with the
" Commiſſioners of the other Colonies, who ſhall be preſent there.

" As the Houſe of Aſſembly declare it to be their Opinion, *That there*
" *ſhould be a ſtrict Union among all his Majeſty's Colonies on this important Affair*;
" I cannot think their having hitherto eſcaped the Expence of treating, or
" their not being Partakers in the Trade with the *Indians*, can be a ſufficient
" Excuſe, for their declining to be Parties to an Interview ſo ſtrongly recom-
" mended by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and
" Plantations; as the Alliance and Friendſhip of the *Six Nations*, and their
" Dependance on the Crown of *Great-Britain*, muſt, by every thinking
" Man, be looked upon as the greateſt Security the Settlers on the Northern
" Boundary of this Province can have, to prevent the Incurſions of thoſe
" Nations of *Indians*, who (unprovoked) have taken up the Hatchet againſt
" us, together with the horrid Murders and Confuſions conſequent thereupon.

" If Nothing more ſhould be intended by the Government of *Virginia*,
" than building a Fortification in the Forks of *Ohio*, as by your Meſſage you
" ſuggeſt; the very Reaſon you aſſign for doing it, is a very cogent and
" powerful One, *viz. To check the Incroachments of the* French, *and to protect*
" *the* Indians *in Alliance with* Great-Britain; and ſuppoſing it ſhould be by
" this Time compleated (which is not to be expected) yet the whole Expence
" would be uſeleſs, unleſs it ſhould have a Garriſon ſufficient to anſwer the
" good Purpoſes of its Erection; the Charge of which ought to be defrayed
" by all the Colonies on the Continent, in Proportion to the Advantage they
" receive from the Friendſhip and Protection of the *Six Nations*. I would
" not derogate in the leaſt, from the Loyalty the good People of this Pro-
" vince have ſhewn, by the Aid they have afforded his Majeſty in former
" Expeditions; and it will doubtleſs have its due Weight when the Petition
" to his Majeſty, for Leave to emit a Sum of Money on Loan, ſhall be under
" the Conſideration of his Miniſters: But am ſorry ſo frequently to hear the
" Want of that Bill, given as an Excuſe againſt raiſing ſuch Sums of Money
" as the Government and Honour of the Province neceſſarily require, when
" 'tis well known that the private Circumſtances of the landed Men, and
" other Inhabitants in it, taken in general, equal thoſe of any other Govern-
" ments; and I am affraid your entirely declining aſſiſting in the Common
" Cauſe at this perilous Conjuncture, may be an Obſtacle to your obtaining
" his Majeſty's Favour in that Particular.

" It gives me a ſenſible Satisfaction, to find you expreſs your Gratitude on
" my calling you together at this Time, in Obedience to the Royal Orders;
" and am ſorry you eſteem it impracticable to yield any Aſſiſtance to the
" other Colonies. There are very few Colonies under his Majeſty's immediate

" Government,

" Government, who have any other Method of ſupplying Money for neceſ-
" ſary and emergent Services, but by Tax; and the Method of raiſing it
" here, is chiefly your Province. And if his Majeſty ſhould be pleaſed to
" grant his Royal Leave to his Governor, to give his Aſſent to the Bill, for
" emitting £ 60,000, agreeable to the Prayer of your Petition, no Money
" cou'd be immediately raiſed therefrom, as the Intereſt is for a Number of
" Years to be re-emitted.

" I underſtood the laſt Seſſions at *Burlington*, from many of the Members
" of your Houſe, that the Middle of *May* is a Seaſon, at which you could as
" well ſpare a few Weeks from your private Affairs, as at any Time of the
" Year: And I ſhou'd not have called you ſooner, but in Obedience to the
" Commands I had received; and which I have communicated to you:
" That Seaſon of the Year is a Time of Plenty; the Weather agreeable to
" moſt Conſtitutions, and the Days long: The laſt happy Seſſion, is an evi-
" dent Proof, that more Buſineſs may be done in a few Weeks at that Sea-
" ſon, than has commonly been diſpatched in as many Months of a Winter
" Seſſion; whereby your Conſtituents are eaſed of a great Expence. As to
" your Deſire of being diſmiſſed, till my Health will permit my attending
" at *Amboy*; I am very willing to gratify you; but I can give you but little
" Expectation of my attending there for a long Time to come, unleſs it
" ſhould pleaſe the infinite Diſpoſer of all Things, to ſtrengthen me beyond
" my Expectations. The Diſpatch I have always given to the Buſineſs before
" me; the Eaſe which the Province has enjoy'd under my Adminiſtration,
" and the great Weakneſs of my Body, (of which you are Eye-Witneſſes)
" gave me Reaſon to think, the Houſe wou'd have ſhown more Humanity
" and Tenderneſs to me, than to complain of my calling them here on this
" Occaſion; as I always have paid a punctual Obedience to the general In-
" ſtruction, when my Health permitted me ſo to do. I doubt whether any
" impartial or diſpaſſionate Inhabitant of this Province, wou'd adviſe their
" Repreſentatives, to make my not coming to *Amboy*, (when prevented by
" the Act of God,) a Pretence for deferring the neceſſary Buſineſs of the
" Government: And the Receſs which you ſhall have till the Firſt Day of
" *June* next, then to meet at *Amboy*, without further Notice, will give you
" an Opportunity; and I hope you will conſult with them, on the Matters
" recommended in my Speech; and then, by your Conduct at your next
" Meeting, I ſhall be able to judge, whether the good People of this Pro-
" vince, have that Regard to a Governor, who has exerted his publick and
" private Intereſt for the Good of them, and their Poſterity, that ſuch a
" Conduct deſerves."

Elizabeth-Town,
April 29, 1754.

J. BELCHER.

And then his Majeſty's Writ of Adjournment, under the Great Seal of the Province, was read; whereby the General Aſſembly ſtands adjourn'd to the Firſt Day of *June* next, to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe of General Aſſembly, I do appoint James Parker *of* Woodbridge, *to print theſe Votes.*

CHARLES READ.

N° 38. c.

VOTES

OF THE

General Assembly

OF

NEW-JERSEY.

PERTH-AMBOY, *Monday, June* 3. 1754.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment of the General Aſſembly to the firſt Day of this Inſtant *June*, and from thence by his Majeſty's Writ of Adjournment to this Day, the Houſe met; and there not being a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed on Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Tueſday, June 4, 1754.

The Houſe met,

Mr. *Low* informed the Houſe, that his Excellency deſired him to acquaint them, that he had Nothing further to recommend to the Houſe than he had already done by his Speech at *Elizabeth-Town*, and deſired they would enter on Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms inform *John Vanmiddleſworth*, *John Stevens*, *Joſeph Elliſs*, *Aaron Leaming* and *Jacob Spicer*, Eſqrs, Members of this Houſe, that the Houſe requires their Attendance immediately.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock,

Wedneſday, June 5. 1754.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That all the Statutes, Laws and Books, belonging to the Eaſtern-Diviſion of this Province, purchaſed for the Uſe of the Houſe of Aſſembly, be brought into the Houſe for the Peruſal of the Members; and that at the End of this Seſſions they be lodged with *John Johnſton*, Eſq; one of the Members of this Houſe, for the further Uſe of this Houſe, he giving a Liſt of ſuch Books, and a Receipt to the Clerk of the Houſe for the ſame.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and the Matters therein recommended; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that ſome further Progreſs had been made in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order further to conſider the Matters recommended in his Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke* from ſaid Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſome Reſolutions; which he was directed to report, when the Houſe would receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Cooke* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved,
That a humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, in Anſwer to his Speech and Meſſage: To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,
That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a ſtrict Union among his Majeſty's Colonies is abſolutely neceſſary, to prevent the unjuſt Encroachments of the *French* on his Majeſty's Dominions; and that the Houſe ought to join with the reſt of his Majeſty's Colonies in the Expence of any well-concerted Scheme for that Purpoſe, according to the Circumſtances of this Province; and when any General Plan ſhall be laid before the Houſe, they ought to provide for the ſame. And on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Die*,	Mr. *Mickle*.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Elliſs*.
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Leaming*.
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	
Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	
Mr. *Low*.	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Wood*,	
Mr. *Vanmiddlesworth*,	Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Emley*.	

Reſolved

Reſolved,
That his Majeſty's Government of this Colony be ſupported for one Year. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Johnſton*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Wood*, and Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Support of Government.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee to enquire what Laws are expired, or are nigh expiring, by their own Limitation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Freemen of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, was preſented to the Houſe, praying an Act to be paſſed for the building and ſupporting a Poor-houſe, Work-houſe, and Houſe of Correction, in the ſaid Borough of *Elizabeth*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *James Nicholſon*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Goal of *Eſſex* County, was preſented to the Houſe, ſetting forth his long Impriſonment, and Incapacity to ſatisfy his Creditors, praying the Houſe to take his diſtreſſed Caſe into Conſideration, and grant him proper Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, June 6. 1754.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of *John Noe*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Goal of *Perth-Amboy*, was preſented to the Houſe, ſetting forth his long Confinement, and praying Leave to make a Lottery for the Payment of his Debts; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading,

A Petition of *John Hyde*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Goal of *Somerſet* County, was preſented to the Houſe, praying that ſome Method may be fallen upon to diſcharge him from his Confinement; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a large Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Suſſex*, complaining of undue Proceedings of a Number of the Inhabitants of ſaid *Suſſex* County, in electing the Place for the building and erecting a Court-Houſe in ſaid County, and ſetting forth the Ill-conveniences of having the Court-Houſe in the Place where elected, praying the Houſe to paſs a ſupplementary Act for appointing Commiſſioners for ſettling and appointing the Place for the building the ſaid Court-Houſe in ſaid County; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the upper Part of the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, praying an Amendment may be made to an Act of this Province, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating, and preſerving publick Roads and High-ways throughout this Province*, and praying for Liberty to build and erect Swinging Gates, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The Serjeant at Arms attending, was called in, and informed the Houſe, that he had performed the Order of the Houſe.

Mr. *Smith*, purſuant to a former Order of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the building and maintaining a Bridge over* Raway *River, near* Marſh's *Mills, between the County of* Middleſex *and the County of* Eſſex, *and directing the Method for raiſing of Money for the ſame; and for each Town in the County of* Middleſex *to build and maintain the Bridges that are neceſſary at the Expence of the Towns wherein ſuch Bridges are wanting*, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *Shrewsbury* Townſhip, was preſented to the Houſe, praying that an Act may be paſſed, that all large Bridges or Cauſeways already built, or neceſſary to be built hereafter, in the County of *Monmouth*, may be built and repaired at a publick Charge of the whole County; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of the Inhabitants living on and near *Woodbury* Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for maintaining the Dams and Banks on *Woodbury* Creek for damming out the Tide, and for clearing out the ſaid Creek and Branches, and for appointing Commiſſioners for aſſeſſing the Damages that may accrue to the Perſons that may be damnified thereby; was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill for Support of Government; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of *Suſſex*, reſpecting the Place for building a Court-Houſe, was read a ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Mickle*, and Mr. *Wood*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inſpect the Treaſurer's Accompts; and alſo to inſpect and burn the cancelled Bills, and make Report to the Houſe: And that Mr. *Deacon* and Mr. *Hancock* do inform the Council thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe; and that they will pleaſe to appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Deacon* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That *Samuel Smith*, Eſq; do forthwith ſend to this Houſe, all the Copies of the Records and Papers relating to the original Conſtitution of the Colony, by the next Stage; and that the Clerk of this Houſe do ſend him a Copy of this Order.

A Petition of *Johannes Doremus*, a Foreigner, praying an Act for naturalizing him, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The Houſe reſuming the Report of the Committees of Accounts, made the eighth Day of *June* laſt paſt, touching the old Arrears and Deficiences of the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned: After mature Deliberation thereon, it is ordered, that Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to oblige the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Bergen*, *Eſſex*, *Burlington* and *Cape-May*, to pay their reſpective Arrears and Deficiences; and to enable the Board of Juſtices and Freeholders of the ſaid Counties, to proſecute the Delinquents whoſe Duty it was to have paid the ſaid Sums.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Friday, June 7. 1754.

The Houſe met.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cape-May*, was preſented to the Houſe, praying that Griſt-Mills in that County may be for the future exempted from Taxation; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,
That the Treaſurers of each Diviſion of this Province, forthwith lay before the Houſe, the Duplicates of the laſt Tax for the Support of Government, agreable to the laſt Support-Bill, in order to enable the Houſe to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in Support of Government; and that the Clerk ſerve them with a Copy of this Order.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Johnſton*, in the following Words:

'*Ordered*,
'That Mr. *Hude*, Mr. *Kemble*, and Mr. *Aſhfield*, or any two of them, be a 'Committee, to join the Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in order to 'inſpect the Treaſurer's Accounts, and to examine and burn the cancelled 'Money; and that the Committee meet for that Purpoſe at the Treaſurer's 'on Monday next, at four o' Clock in the Afternoon: And that Mr. *Johnſton* 'do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,
'ANDREW SMYTH, D. Cl. Council.

The Bill for Support of Government, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion laid before the Houſe, the Duplicates of the laſt Taxation, which he had received from the ſeveral Counties of the Weſtern Diviſion.

The Committee appointed to correſpond with the Agent, laid before the Houſe, his ſeveral Letters for ſome Time paſt; which were read, and ordered to lye on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition of *Hendrick Beuf*, *Hendrick Beuf*, jun. and *Cornelius Parant*, Foreigners, praying an Act for naturalizing them, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion laid before the Houſe, all the Duplicates of the laſt Taxation for that Diviſion, except thoſe for the County of *Bergen*, for which he ſaid he had ordered Proſecution, as ſoon as Diſcovery of the Collector of that County could be made; and alſo two other Duplicates, one for the Townſhip of *Newark*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and the other for the Townſhip of *Strafford*, in the County of *Monmouth*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill for Support of Government; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* from ſaid Committee, reported, that ſome Progreſs had been made in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock,

Saturday, June 8. 1754.

The Houſe met,

The Petitions of *Johannes Doremus*, *Hendrick Beuf*, *Hendrick Beuf*, jun. and *Cornelius Parant*, praying to be naturalized, were read a ſecond Time.

And it appearing to the Houſe, that they have taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, according to Law.

Ordered,

That they have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

And thereupon Mr. *Johnſton* preſented ſuch Bill to the Houſe; which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cape May*, praying that Griſt-Mills in that County may be for the future exempted from Taxation, was read the ſecond Time and referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe; and on the Queſtion, whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? it was carried in the Negative.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill for Support of Government: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that ſome further Progreſs had been made in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* have Leave to be abſent till Tueſday next, on urgent Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o' Clock.

Monday, June 10. 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd to two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Tueſday, June 11, 1754.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd to two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

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The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder and others, Inhabitants of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, for erecting and ſupporting a Work-houſe in ſaid Borough, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

And accordingly Mr. *Ogden*, in Behalf of ſaid Petitioners, preſented a Bill to the Houſe, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council-Men of the free Borough and Town of* Elizabeth, *to build a Poor-Houſe, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid Borough, and to make Rules, Orders and Ordinances for the Government of the ſame; and to repair the Goals of ſaid Borough*; which was received and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *James Nicholſon*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Eſſex* Goal, and the Petition of *John Noe*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Perth-Amboy* Goal, and alſo the Petition of *John Hyde*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Somerſet* Goal, were all read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration at the next Seſſions of General Aſſembly; and ordered that all the Creditors of the ſeveral Petitioners that have any Objections againſt an Inſolvent Act being paſſed in their Favour, bring in their Objections to the General Aſſembly, the firſt Week of the next Seſſions.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the building and maintaining a Bridge over* Raway *River, near* Marſh's *Mills, between the County of* Middleſex *and the County of* Eſſex, *and directing the Method for raiſing of Money for the ſame; and for each Town in the County of* Middleſex *to build and maintain the Bridges that are neceſſary at the Expence of the Towns wherein ſuch Bridges are wanting*, was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, whether the Bill be committed or not? it was carried in the Negative.

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Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Mickle*.	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Cooke*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Ellis*.
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Wood*,	Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Leaming*.
Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Emley*.	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Spicer*,
		Mr. *Die*,	Mr. *Mott*,
		Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	

The Bill for Naturalizing *Johannes Doremus, Hendrick Beuf, Hendrick Beuf*, jun. and *Cornelius Parant*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Die*.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws are already expired, or are nigh expiring, by their own Limitation, reported, that the Act *for Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*, is already expired.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the upper Part of *Somerſet* County, praying for an Amendment to the Act, entitled, *An* Act *for the better laying out, regulating, and preſerving publick Roads and High-ways throughout this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Petition of the Inhabitants living bordering on *Woodbury* Creek, praying for an Act for the maintaining and ſupporting the Dams on ſaid *Woodbury* Creek for ſtopping out the Tide, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

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The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Shrewsbury* Townſhip, praying that Bridges and Cauſeways in that Townſhip, may be built and repaired at a publick Charge, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, June 12. 1754.

The Houſe met.

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, That the Houſe having taken into Conſideration his Excellency's Meſſage of the 8th of *June*, 1753, relating to the Appointment of *Enoch Anderſon*, as Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*, and the Reſolutions of the Houſe thereon, eſteem it our Duty to make the following Anſwer to that Meſſage; but as we are informed, the ſaid *Anderſon* is removed from his Office, ſhall be the leſs particular on that Head, and principally confine our ſelves to the ſubject Matter couched in the laſt Paragraph of his Excellency's ſaid Meſſage, whereby he is pleaſed to obſerve, that '*after an Act is paſs'd by the Legiſlature, no* '*ſingle Branch can expound upon it; but that it is always entirely left to the* '*Judges of the Land, and others learned in the Law, and to ſuch a Deciſion* he was '*very ready to ſubmit the preſent Caſe; and if it ſhould be then deter-* '*mined to be a Grievance*, he would *immediately redreſs it*;' which we ſuppoſe his Excellency hath done, upon a Conviction that it was ſo: But why he ſhould appeal from the Opinion of this Houſe, to the Judges of the Land, and others learned in the Law, for a Determination in this Caſe, is difficult to reconcile; ſeeing our Conſtitution forbids any ſuch Interpoſition in Matters determined by our Houſe to be Grievances; nor could their Opinion, who are of a leſs Authority, be concluſive to us; for to ſuppoſe otherwiſe, would be like a River's riſing above its Fountain, and ſtopping the natural Force thereof; and admitting the Judges of the Land, and others learned in the Law, had been different in Opinion from the Houſe in the preſent Caſe, yet that would not have prevailed on us to yield the Point inſiſted on, becauſe we eſteem it our undoubted Right, to enquire into and complain of the Breach of any Law by which we are governed, and to ſee that our Complaint is regarded: This his Excellency muſt be ſenſible is well eſtabliſhed by our Conſtitution, by divers inconteſtible Authorities, too many to inſert here at large; wherefore we ſhall only inſtance the famous Caſe of Ship-Money, in the Reign of King CHARLES the Firſt, who had the Opinion of the Judges in Support of his Conduct, and thoſe Gentlemen were undoubtedly as learned in the Law as any of the Judges of this Colony, yet their Determination was not concluſive to the Houſe of Commons: Moreover, is not this Right ſtrongly enforced by Reaſon? for could we ſuppoſe an Aſſembly (the Repreſentative Body of the People) veſted with no other Power than that of having one ſingle Voice in the enacting of Laws, without a Right of ſeeing the ſame impartially executed; then would not the Executors of thoſe Laws be in Effect left at Liberty to adminiſter the ſame as they ſhould think proper? and if agreed among themſelves to treat the Laws with a total Diſregard, then might they not in ſuch Caſe ſubſtitute their Will and Pleaſure in the Room thereof! whereby Law would ceaſe to be a Rule of Government, and the People fall under the abſolute Power of a few arbitrary and deſpotick Officers! and ſhould not an

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Event ſo deſtructive to the Liberties of the People, be carefully and ſtrongly guarded againſt, by the Interpoſition of thoſe who have a Right of giving or witholding Rewards, according as the ſame may or may not be merited! Surely thoſe Facts are too obvious to be denied, and we hope will never hereafter be controverted in this Colony.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill for Naturalizing *Johannes Doremus*, *Hendrick Beuf*, *Hendrick Beuf*, jun. and *Cornelius Parant*, reported the ſame without any Amendments; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council-men of the free Borough and Town of* Elizabeth, *to build a Poor-houſe, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid Borough, and to make Rules, Orders and Ordinances for the Government of the ſame; and to repair the Goals of ſaid Borough*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Stevens*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to examine and conſider all the Original Grants, Conceſſions, Records and Papers, collected by Order of the General Aſſembly, relating to the fundamental Conſtitutions of this Colony, in order for printing the ſame: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke* from the ſaid Committee, reported, that ſome Progreſs had been made in the Matters under their Conſideration; and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill for naturalizing *Johannes Doremus*, *Hendrick Beuf*, *Hendrick Beuf*, jun. and *Cornelius Parant*, was read and compared; and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Vanvorſt* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock,

Thurſday, June 13. 1754.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Vanvorſt* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Johnſton* have Leave to be abſent, on urgent Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill for Support of Government: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* from ſaid Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Friday, June 14. 1754.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed to draw a Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the ſame; and with Leave preſented it to the Houſe; and the ſame being read, and ſeveral Amendments thereunto made, was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council-Men of the free Borough and Town of* Elizabeth, *to build a Poor-houſe, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid Borough, and to make Rules, Orders and Ordinances for the Government of the ſame; and to repair the Goals of the ſaid Borough*; reported the ſame with Amendments; which was read; and ſome other Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe.

Ordered,

The ſaid Bill as amended be engroſſed.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe with them entruſted, to his Excellency.

The Houſe adjourn'd to two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That ſaid Addreſs be ſigned by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Wetherill*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to know when he will be waited on by the Houſe with their Addreſs.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, ſetting forth the Difficulties they labour under in electing Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, by their not having the Poll adjourned from the County from which they was ſevered to ſaid County of *Morris*, praying an Act to relieve the Difficulties they labour under, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould ſoon hear from him.

A Petition of *Anthony Woodward*, *William Tapſcot*, *Richard Britain*, and *Benjamin Stille*, ſetting forth, that they were complained of for a forcible Entry, and accordingly had Trial, and were acquitted by a Jury of the County of *Monmouth*; after which Acquittance they were taken Priſoners; and notwithſtanding they produced a Copy of the ſaid Jury's Verdict in their Favour, *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; ordered them to pay Three Shillings each to himſelf, and Ten Shillings each to *John Taylor*, Eſq; which they complain of as a Grievance, praying ſuitable Redreſs; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council:

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Addreſs in the following Words, *viz.*

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, *Eſq*; *Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majeſty's Province of* Nova-Cæſarea, *or* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* AMERICA, *Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the ſaid Province, in General Aſſembly met.

May it pleaſe Your Excellency;

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, in General Aſſembly met, have again taken Your Excellency's Speech into our Conſideration; and have ordered a Bill to be brought in for the Support of his Majeſty's Government; have appointed a Committee to inſpect the Laws, and come to a Reſolution to aſſiſt the neighbouring Colonies againſt the Encroachments of the *French*, in any well-concerted Scheme for that Purpoſe, in Proportion to the Circumſtances of this Colony, and that we ought to provide for the ſame, when ever it ſhall be laid before us.

THIS Houſe have always eſteem'd a Harmony and good Agreement with your Excellency and the Council, to be for the Benefit of the Colony; and from this Diſpoſition have hitherto paſs'd over moſt of the Reflections you have been pleaſed to caſt on our Conduct, in ſome of your Speeches and Meſſages; but no Harmony can long ſubſiſt, unleſs the ſame good Diſpoſitions and Intereſt unite thoſe concern'd in it; and are ſorry to ſay, that we can't look upon ſeveral Expreſſions in your laſt Meſſage to us at *Elizabeth-Town*, any Ways tending to cement the ſame; and are concerned, that your Excellency ſhou'd view our Tranſactions in a wrong Light: It is therefore incumbent on us, to ſhew your Excellency, that this Houſe is not guilty of that Diſreſpect and Ingratitude that you inſinuate in your ſaid Meſſage, wherein you ſay, that our Method of anſwering your Speech by a Meſſage, is unuſual if not without Precedent, and treating his Majeſty's Repreſentative with leſs Reſpect than was due to the Commiſſion he has the Honour to bear, or to his own kind and benevolent

benevolent Intentions, for the promoting the Welfare of the good People of this Province, whom we repreſent: We would have been glad, if your Excellency had given them Reaſon to have ſaid, that you had truly repreſented his Majeſty, in redreſſing his People's Grievances, as well as by Commiſſion; then this Houſe would have readily acknowledged the Juſtice and Care of your Adminiſtration, and have ſaved you the Labour of writing and ſending your own Encomiums to this Houſe by a Meſſage. Its well known to your Excellency, that when the Meſſage you complain of was ſent to you by this Houſe, that the Council was gone from *Elizabeth-Town*; therefore we ſent that Meſſage to prevent unneceſſary Charge to the Colony, by the Aſſembly's waiting to deliver an Addreſs to the Governor in Council: And had you been pleaſed to have put thoſe kind and benevolent Intentions (that you tell us of,) into Practice, you would not have taken the leaſt Offence at that Method of anſwering your Speech, even if it had been unuſual and without Precedent; but on the contrary, have we not Reaſon to think, that other Governors, who do as much repreſent his Majeſty by Commiſſion as your Excellency, have had their Speeches anſwered by Meſſages from their Aſſemblies, and no Exceptions taken thereat.

We beg Leave further to obſerve, that your kind and benevolent Intentions no Ways appears, by your charging this Houſe with Want of Humanity and Tenderneſs to a Governor, who, you are pleaſed to ſay, has exerted his publick and private Intereſt for the Good of the Inhabitants of this Province, and their Poſterity: Its well known, that your Excellency has had as large Sums of Money given to you by the Aſſemblies, as any Governor of this Colony ever had; and that continued even after your Removal from *Burlington*, and dwelling in an inconvenient Part of the Colony; and we are truly ignorant of any Inſtances of our Inhumanity to your Excellency.

In what Manner your Excellency has exerted your publick and private Intereſt for the Good of the Inhabitants of this Province, we are at a Loſs to know: If its the Removing their Grievances; it is with Concern we are obliged to ſay, that we don't know, that you ever agreed either with this or any other Houſe of Aſſembly, that any of the Grievances they complain'd of were ſo, unleſs in the Caſe of *Enoch Anderſon*. If any Repreſentation ſhould be neceſſary to be made Home, in Favour of his Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects of *New-Jerſey*; we don't think, that your conſtantly finding Fault with and blaming our Conduct, any Ways tends to place them in that favourable Light with his Majeſty, that their Loyalty deſerves. The Duty we owe our Conſtituents, has obliged us to be thus plain with your Excellency, in order to maintain a good Agreement between your Excellency and his Majeſty's Subjects under your Government, which this Houſe heartily deſires.

By Order of the Houſe,

CHA. READ, *Speaker.*

Several of the Members being of the People called *Quakers*, agree to the Subſtance of this Addreſs, with their uſual Exception to the Stile.

Mr. *Stevens*, by Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for the Relief of the Poor*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Aſhfield*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for naturalizing Johannes Doremus, Hendrick Beuf, Hendrick Beuf, jun. and Cornelius Parant*, without any Amendments.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 15. 1754.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Newbold.*

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council-men of the free Borough and Town of* Elizabeth, *to build a Poor-houſe, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid Borough, and to make Rules, Orders and Ordinances for the Governing of the ſame; and to repair the Goals of the ſaid Borough*, was read, and compared; and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Ogden* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed on the Bill for Support of Government: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* from the ſaid Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions; which he was directed to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

According to Order, Mr. *Hancock* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for Support of Government, and ſettling the Quotas, *&c.* as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved,
That the Government be ſupported for one Year, to commence the 21ſt of *May* laſt, and to end the 21ſt of *May* next. To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved,
That in and by the ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; at the Rate of £. 1000, *per Annum:* And on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Stevens*	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Mickle*.	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Ellis*.	Who all voted for £. 800.
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Vanmiddlesworth*,	Mr. *Wood*,	
Mr. *Fisher*,	Mr. *Leaming*.	
Mr. *Die*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Vanvorst*,	Mr. *Emley*.	
Mr. *Deacon*,		

To *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, at the Rate of £. 25, *per Annum*.

To *Richard Saltar*, Esq; Third Judge of the Supreme Court, at the Rate of £. 25, *per Annum*.

To *Joseph Warrell*, Esq; Attorney General, at the Rate of £.30, *per Annum*.

To *Andrew Johnston*, and *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs, Treasurers of this Colony, each at the Rate of £ 40, *per Annum*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; or the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, at the Rate of £. 80, *per Annum*.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, at the Rate of £.30, *per Annum*.

To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits, at the Rate of £.20, *per Annum*.

To the Door-Keeper of the Council, at the Rate of £. 10, *per Annum*.

To the Governor, for House-Rent, at the Rate of £. 60, *per Annum*.

To the Chief Justice, or any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit-Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner prescribed by the Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each Time.

To each of the Council, for the Time they respectively have attended, or shall attend, at this or any other Sitting of General Assembly, within the Time aforesaid, *Six Shillings per Diem*.

To each of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, for their respective Attendance, the Sum of *Eight Shillings per Diem*; also *Four pence* per Sheet, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entring the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. Also to *Abraham Clark*, jun. for Pen, Ink and Paper, for this and the late Sitting at *Elizabeth-Town*, *Thirty Shillings*.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer that now is or hereafter shall be appointed, for printing the Minutes of the House, and Laws passed within the Time aforesaid, such Sums as *Charles Read*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Johnston*, *Shobal Smith*, *William Mickle*, and *Joseph Ellis*, Esqrs, or any two of them, shall agree for.

To *Samuel Nevill*, and *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs, for Printing the Original Concessions of this Colony; or to *Aaron Leaming*, and *Jacob Spicer*, Esqrs, whoever of them performs the said Business, the Sum of *Two-pence* per Sheet for 170 of said Books, with reasonable Allowance for binding.

To the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, within the Time aforesaid, *Three Shillings per Diem*.

To

To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Council, as aforeſaid, *Three Shillings per Diem.*

To the Door-Keeper attending this Houſe as aforeſaid, *Three Shillings and ſix pence per Diem.*

To *Robert Ogden*, Eſq; *Twenty Shillings*; to pay *Mary Dennis* for the Uſe of a Room for the Houſe, during the late Sitting at *Elizabeth-Town.*

To *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, to pay for the Uſe of a Room, Fire-Wood and Candles, for the Council, during this or any other Sitting of General Aſſembly within the ſaid Term.

To each of the Members of this Houſe, the Sum of *Six Shillings per Diem*, for the Time they have reſpectively attended, or ſhall attend, at this or any other Sitting, during the Time aforeſaid.

To all which ſeveral Sums the Houſe agreed.

And the Houſe taking into Conſideration the Report of the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Bill for the Support of Government, and ſettling the Quotas, *&c.* and a Debate ariſing on ſome Words in the laſt enacting Clauſe but one, the Queſtion was put, Whether the Words [*for what he Leaſes*] ſhall be taken out, and the Words [*on the Lands aforeſaid*] be inſerted in the Room thereof? it was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Deacon*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Cooke*,
Mr. *Holmes*,	Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Newbold*,
Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Mickle*,
Mr. *Spicer*,	Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*,	Mr. *Elliſs.*
Mr. *Mott.*	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hancock*,
	Mr. *Die*,	Mr. *Wood*,
	Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Emley.*

And on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be engroſſed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS,	NAYS.
Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Mott.*
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Mickle*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Elliſs*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*,	Mr. *Wood*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Die*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Emley.*	

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o' Clock.

Monday,

Monday, June 17. 1754.

The Houſe met,

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Law entitled, An* Act *for the Relief of the Poor*, was committed, reported, that they had gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he was ready to report, when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, and conſidered; and the Houſe being of Opinion, that the ſame required more mature Deliberation.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill be referred for further Conſideration at ſome future Seſſion.

Mr. *Mott*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling the Quotas of the Counties of* Morris *and* Suſſex, *in the Fund directed to be raiſed at different Periods by Provincial Taxes, &c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock,

Tueſday, June 18, 1754.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling the Quotas of the Counties of* Morris *and* Suſſex, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley*.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying Power to remove the Poll into the ſaid County of *Morris*, in the Election of Repreſentatives, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be referred to further Conſideration.

The Complaint of *Anthony Woodward*, *William Tapſcott*, *Richard Britain* and *Benjamin Stille*, againſt *Samuel Nevill*, Eſq; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered, that the Conſideration thereof be referred to next Seſſions; and that the Clerk of this Houſe do ſerve Mr. *Nevill* with a Copy of the ſaid Complaint, and this Order.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe, the Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Lords of Trade and Plantations, to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, for Plantation Affairs; which was read, and is as follows.

To

To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, for Plantation Affairs.

'My Lords,

'PURSUANT to your Lordſhips Orders, dated the 18th of *December* laſt, 'we have had under our Conſideration, the humble Petition of the Houſe 'of Repreſentatives of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, in General Aſſembly met, and 'the humble Remonſtrance of *Richard Partridge*, Agent for the ſaid Colony, 'to his Majeſty, humbly praying, for the Reaſons therein contained, that his 'Majeſty will be pleaſed to grant his Royal Leave to the Governor, to give 'his Aſſent to a Bill for making current *Sixty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of 'Credit, upon the like Footing of thoſe heretofore emitted in that Colony by 'his Majeſty's Conſent; and having been attended by Mr. *Partridge*, with 'Mr. *Field*, his Council, and heard what they had to offer in Support of the 'Allegations of the ſaid Petition and Remonſtrance;

'WE beg Leave to acquaint Your Lordſhips;

'THAT the Bills of Credit created and iſſued in *New-Jerſey*, in the Years '1730, and 1733, on the Model of which the Aſſembly of that Province 'now pray Leave to emit the further Sum of Sixty Thouſand Pounds, were 'lent out to the Inhabitants upon Land-Security, of double the Value of the 'Sum lent, at *Five per Cent.* Intereſt, and were made current, and a legal 'Tender in all Payments, and for the Diſcharge of all Debts and Contracts 'whatſoever, during the Term of ſixteen Years.

'THAT it has been repreſented to us, that the iſſuing Bills of Credit upon 'Loan within this Province, has been found to be the leaſt burthenſome 'Method of levying Taxes for the Support of Government, and has alſo been 'of great Service, in enabling the Inhabitants to extend and improve their 'Trade and Settlements; and that as they have little or no Silver or Gold 'circulating in the Province, it would have been impoſſible to have carried 'on their Trade and Dealing without ſome ſuch Medium.

'THAT as the Time for the Continuance of the Currency of theſe Bills is 'now expired, and the Whole of them entirely ſunk and deſtroyed, purſuant 'to the Directions of the Acts, except about Three Thouſand Pounds, which 'is ſtill outſtanding, tho' without any Currency as a legal Tender; the 'Province will be reduced to the greateſt Diſtreſs, and diſabled from carrying 'on Trade, or raiſing Supplies for the Support of Government, unleſs relieved 'by a new Emiſſion.

'FROM the Evidences laid before us, of the Effect and Operation of the 'Bills of Credit formerly iſſued in this Province, and from the Repreſentations 'of Perſons well acquainted with the Nature of Paper Money in general: 'WE are inclined to believe, that a moderate Quantity iſſued upon proper 'Security, and having a proper Fund for its Redemption within a limitted 'Time, may operate to the Advantage of a Trading Colony, ſerve to improve 'and extend the Settlement of it, and may alſo be the leaſt burthenſome 'Method of levying Money for the Support of Government: But we can by 'no Means agree in Opinion with the Petitioners, that the making ſuch Paper 'Money a legal Tender in all Payments, is either neceſſary or proper; but on

'the Contrary, has been declared by Parliament, in a Reſolution of the Houſe 'of Commons of the 25th of *April*, 1740, to be a fruſtrating of the Act of 'the 6th of Queen ANNE, for aſcertaining the Rates of Foreign Coins in the 'Plantations, and to have been a great Diſcouragement to the Commerce of 'this Kingdom, by occaſioning a Confuſion in Dealings, and a Leſſening of 'Credit in thoſe Parts. It is alſo contrary to the Senſe of Parliament, expreſſed 'in the Act lately paſs'd, for reſtraining Paper Bills of Credit in the four 'Colonies of *New-England:* And therefore, if his Majeſty, out of his paternal 'Regard and Indulgence to the Eaſe and Convenience of his Subjects in *New-'Jerſey*, and in order to reſtore the Peace and Quiet of the Province, and 'conciliate the Differences which have long ſubſiſted therein, ſhould be 'graciouſly pleaſed to allow of a new Emiſſion of *Sixty Thouſand Pounds*, 'in Bills of Credit, upon the Terms of the former Emiſſions; We think it 'ought to be made an expreſs Condition, that ſuch Bills of Credit ſhould not 'be declared to be legal Tenders in Payment of any Debts, Dues or Demands 'whatſoever: We are alſo of Opinion, that it ought to be made a Condition 'of his Majeſty's conſenting to this Emiſſion, that the Intereſt ariſing from the 'Loan of the Bills, ſhall, during their Continuance, be appropriated to all the 'eſtabliſhed and contingent Services of Government, and be iſſued by Warrants 'from the Governor and Council only; and that, in order to prevent any 'further Doubts or Objections, a Clauſe for that Purpoſe be either prepared 'here, to be inſerted *verbatim* in the Act for the Emiſſion, or that a Draught 'of the Bill, with a Clauſe to that Effect, be tranſmitted hither, before the 'Governor be allowed to give his Aſſent to it.

'BY ſuch a Proviſion as this, his Majeſty's Service, and the Government 'of that Province, will be ſupported and carried on with great Eaſe and 'Stability, and the Charges of it provided for in a better Manner than by the 'preſent Method of paſſing temporary or annual Acts, which ſometimes take 'Effect before his Majeſty's Pleaſure can be known upon them.

'IF your Lordſhips ſhould be of this Opinion, We would propoſe, that an 'Inſtruction ſhould be given to the Governor of *New-Jerſey*, conformable 'thereto, with Directions however, not to take any one Step towards the 'Execution of it, until all the Bills of the former Emiſſions in 1730 and 1733, 'now outſtanding, ſhall be finally ſunk and deſtroyed.

WE are, MY LORDS,

Your Lordſhips
Moſt Obedient and
Moſt Humble Servants,

Whitehall,
March 18, 1754.

DUNK HALIFAX,
J. GRENVILLE.
FRAN. FANE.
J. PITT.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

The

The engroſſed Bill, for the Support of Government, and ſettling the Quotas of the reſpective Counties, and levying a Provincial Tax, was read, and compared; And on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS,	NAYS.
Mr. *Stevens*,	Mr. *Deacon*,	Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Cooke*,	Mr. *Mott*.
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Newbold*,	
Mr. *Lawrence*,	Mr. *Mickle*,	
Mr. *Low*,	Mr. *Elliſs*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hancock*,	
Mr. *Vanmiddleſworth*,	Mr. *Wood*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Die*,	Mr. *Spicer*,	
Mr. *Vanvorſt*,	Mr. *Emley*.	

Reſolved,
That the ſaid Bill do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Emley* and Mr. *Wood* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Emley*, and Mr. *Wood*, and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,
That the Committee appointed to inſpect the Treaſurer's Accounts, have Power, in Conjunction with the Committee of the Council, to re-examine all former Reports of the Committees of Accounts, relative to all or any Deficiences which may be ſuppoſed to be now outſtanding; and that Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Mickle* acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Mickle* and himſelf performed the above Order.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Wedneſday, June 19. 1754.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling the Quotas of the Counties of* Morris *and* Suſſex, *in the Fund by Law directed to be raiſed at different Periods by Provincial Taxes, for ſinking the Sum of* Fifteen Thouſand Three Hundred and two Pounds and four Pence, *now outſtanding in Bills of Credit made current for his Majeſty's Service in the late War; and for enabling the ſaid County of* Suſſex *to chooſe a County Collector, if Need require; as alſo to enable ſeveral Precincts therein lately erected, to chooſe Aſſeſſors, Collectors and Freeholders for the preſent Year*, reported, that they had gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he was ready to report, when the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.
Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon

Whereupon the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling the Quotas of the Counties of* Morris *and* Suſſex, *in the Fund by Law directed to be raiſed at different Periods by Provincial Taxes, for ſinking the Sum of* Fifteen Thouſand Three Hundred and two Pounds and four Pence, *now outſtanding in Bills of Credit made current for his Majeſty's Service in the late War; and for enabling the ſaid County of* Suſſex *to chooſe a County Collector, if Need require; as alſo to enable ſeveral Precincts therein lately erected, to chooſe Aſſeſſors, Collectors and Freeholders for the preſent Year*, was read, and compared; and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Leonard*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,

That the King's Printer of this Colony, do forthwith print Three Hundred and Fifty Copies of the Laws which may be paſſed this Seſſion, and ſend Three Hundred and Nineteen of them, as ſoon as poſſible, to the ſeveral Members of this Houſe.

For the Uſe of *Middleſex*,	28	*Glouceſter*,	26
Monmouth,	36	*Salem*,	21
Eſſex,	16	*Cape-May*,	15
Somerſet,	20	*Hunterdon*,	31
Bergen,	17	*Morris*,	18
Burlington,	50	*Cumberland*,	21
		Suſſex,	24

To be diſtributed in each County, as follows,

To the Members, each	1	Collectors of each County,	1
Firſt Judge of the County,	1	Collectors of each Precinct,	1
Clerk of the County,	1	Aſſeſſors, each	1
Clerk of each Precinct,	1	Clerk of each Corporation,	1
Mayors, each	1		

And the ſaid Printer ſhall ſend the Remainder to either of the Treaſurers, to be given as follows,

To the GOVERNOR,	4	Treaſurers, each	1
Each of the Council	1	Attorney General,	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court,	1	Clerks of the Houſe, each	1
Clerk of ſaid Court, for each Office	1	The Agent,	4

Ordered,

Ordered,

That *James Parker* do print 285 Sets of the Votes of the Houſe this Seſſion, as ſoon as conveniently he can, and ſend 48 to the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, to be diſtributed as follows :

To the GOVERNOR,	8.
Each of the Council	2.
The Agent,	6.
The Officers of the Houſe and Council, each	1.

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows :

For *Perth-Amboy*,	10	*Glouceſter*,	16
Middleſex,	16	*Salem*,	10
Monmouth,	30	*Cape-May*,	12
Eſſex,	25	*Hunterdon*,	24
Somerſet,	18	*Morris*,	12
Bergen,	16	*Cumberland*,	10
City of *Burlington*,	10	*Suſſex*,	12
County of *Burlington*,	16		

Ordered,

That his Majeſty's Attorney General of this Colony, do immediately proſecute thoſe Perſons, whoſe Duty it is to pay the following Arrears, reported at the laſt Settlement of the Treaſurer's Accounts in 1753, *viz.*

Middleſex,	£. 18 - 18 - 5¼	
Ditto,	25 - 00 - 0	
Ditto,	38 - 12 - 7¼	
	£. 82 - 11 - 0½	
Bergen,	21 - 4 - 9¼	
Burlington,	18 - 8 - 11	

And that the Clerk of this Houſe do ſerve the ſaid Attorney General with a Copy of this Order.

Whereas it appears by the Minutes of this Houſe in 1753, that Mr. *Cooke*, one of the Gentlemen appointed to draw Bills of Exchange on the Agent of this Colony, for the Money in his Hands, produced a Receipt from *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, certifying, that he had received the Sum of £. 1340 - 0 - 0, Proclamation Money; therefore it is *Ordered*, that the ſaid Treaſurer do inform this Houſe To-morrow, whether or not the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex*, have inſpected and cancelled the ſaid Money, according to the Directions of the Act of General Aſſembly for that Purpoſe; and that the Clerk do forthwith ſerve him with a Copy of this Order.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, June 20. 1754.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Johnſton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for Support of his Majeſty's Government of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the Twenty-firſt Day of* May, 1754, *and to end the Twenty-firſt Day of* May, 1755, *and to diſcharge the publick Debts, and the contingent Charges thereof; and for ſettling the Quotas in the reſpective Counties, and levying a Provincial Tax*, without any Amendments.

The Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, in Obedience to the Order of Yeſterday, waited on the Houſe with the following Anſwer:

'In Anſwer to the Order of the Houſe, which was delivered me by your 'Clerk, I now wait on the Houſe, to inform them, that I have not yet been 'able to change the Sum mentioned in the Order, into the Bills of Credit of 'this Province, ſo that I could have laid the ſame before the Juſtices and Free-'holders of the County of *Middleſex*, to be by them cancelled at their laſt 'annual Meeting; but ſhall endeavour to accompliſh the Exchange of it as 'ſoon as poſſible; and ſhall lay it before them, to be cancelled according to 'the Directions of the Act of General Aſſembly for that Purpoſe.

'*June* 20, 1754. *Andrew Johnſton*, Treaſurer.

William Cooke, Eſq; one of the Gentlemen appointed to draw Bills on the Agent of this Colony, being enquired of, informed the Houſe, that he and *Daniel Smith*, Eſq; the other Gentleman appointed for that Purpoſe, had drawn Bills of Exchange on the ſaid Agent for the Value of £. 1498 - 13 - 5, Sterling; which they have ſold; and that £. 1340 - 0 - 0, Proclamation, ariſing by the Sale thereof, had been paid into the Treaſury of the Eaſtern Diviſion; as appears by the Treaſurer's Receipt of laſt Year: And the ſaid *William Cooke* further informed the Houſe, that the ſaid *Daniel Smith* had acquainted him, that the Remainder of the Money for which the ſaid £. 1498 - 13 - 5. Sterling, was ſold, is ready to be paid into the Treaſury on a few Days Warning.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *William Cooke* and *Daniel Smith*, do immediately collect and pay the Remainder of the ſaid Money, to one of the Treaſurers; to the End the ſame, if paid in *Jerſey* Money, may be inſpected and cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex*, or *Burlington*; or otherwiſe, if paid in Gold and Silver, that the ſame be exchanged for ſuch *Jerſey* Money; and that ſuch Money ſo received, be in like Manner inſpected and cancelled as aforeſaid, according to the Directions of the Act of General Aſſembly for that Purpoſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke* and Mr. *Deacon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe, on urgent Buſineſs.

The

The Houſe adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

A Petition of *Nathaniel Conger*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Perth-Amboy* Goal, was preſented to the Houſe, praying for a Law for the Revival of the Act, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to further examine and conſider all the Original Grants, Conceſſions, Records and Papers, collected by Order of the General Aſſembly, relating to the Fundamental Conſtitution of this Colony, in order for printing the ſame: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke* from ſaid Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to a Reſolution, that exact Copies of all the Conceſſions and Agreements, made by the Proprietors of *New-Jerſey*, with the People, at the firſt Settlement thereof, and all the Laws paſs'd during the Proprietary Government; together with all other Records, Inſtruments, and Papers, relating to the Fundamental Conſtitution of this Colony; be printed with all convenient Diſpatch, agreable to an Order of the late Houſe of General Aſſembly, and the Tenor of the Bill for Support of Government, paſs'd this preſent Seſſion. To which Report the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Friday, June 21. 1754.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Aſhfield*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council-men of the free Borough and Town of* Elizabeth, *to build a Poor-houſe, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction within the ſaid Borough, and to make Rules, Orders and Ordinances for the Government of the ſame; and to repair the Goals of ſaid Borough*, without any Amendment.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Die*, Mr. *Vanvorſt*, and Mr. *Newbold*, have Leave to go Home, on urgent Buſineſs.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed on the Treaſurer's Accounts, made the following Report:

The Committees appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, do agree that *Aaron Leaming* do make the following Report to the Houſe of Aſſembly:

The

The Honourable ANDREW JOHNSTON, *Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern-Division of* New-Jersey, Dr.

To an Arrear still outstanding in *Middlesex*, £. 18 - 18 - 5¼
To Ditto, in 1730, 25 - 00 - 0
£. 43 - 18 - 05¼

To sundry Arrears in the Interest Money, per Reports in 1744 and 1747,
Bergen, £. 21 - 04 - 9¼
Essex, 72 - 06 - 5¾
Middlesex, 38 - 12 - 7¼
£. 132 - 03 - 10¼

To the Deficiences reported at last Settlement to be outstanding in the Interest of the £. 40,000,
In *Essex*, (since received) £. 75 - 14 - 5
Somerset, (part since received) 73 - 14 - 0
£. 149 - 08 - 05

To the three Deficiences in *Bergen*, occasioned by the Miscalculation of 20 *s. per Annum*, for three Years, by the said Report; now paid in, £. 3 - 00 - 00

To Ballance due to the Colony, as per Report in 1753, £. 898 - 09 - 06¾

1753. To a Tax payable from the Eastern Counties, on the 21st of *November*, 1753, *viz.*
Middlesex, £. 271 - 18 - 1½
Monmouth, 394 - 06 - 0¼
Essex, 233 - 11 - 4½
Somerset, 334 - 19 - 3
£. 1234 - 14 - 09¼

Bergen, the Quota not raised, but provided for by the new Bill for Support of Government.

£. 2461 - 15 - 0½

Per Contra, Cr.

By the two Deficiencies ſtill outſtanding in *Middleſex*, as per Report in 1753.	£. 43 - 18 - 05¼
By the three Deficiencies ſtill outſtanding in *Bergen*, *Eſſex* and *Middleſex*, as per Dr. Side,	£. 132 - 03 - 10¼
By Part of the Deficiency of £. 73 - 14, in the Intereſt of the £. 40,000, (that was reported in 1753,) ſtill outſtanding in *Somerſet*,	£. 17 - 00 - 00
By Sundry Vouchers examined, allowed, and endorſed by the Committees, the 20th Day of *June*, 1754, amounting in the Whole, to	£. 1110 - 07 - 04
By Ballance due to the Colony,	£. 1158 - 05 - 05
	£. 2461 - 15 - 00½

By Order of the Committees,

LEWIS M. ASHFIELD.
AARON LEAMING.

The ſaid Committees alſo proceeded to inſpect and burn the ſeveral Bundles of cancelled Bills of Credit following; which the ſaid Treaſurer *Johnſton* laid before them; and agree that *Aaron Leaming* do make the following Report to the Houſe of Aſſembly:

THAT there ought to have been ſunk on the £. 20,000, and £. 40,000, Emiſſions, in 1749, 1750. 1751, 1752, 1753, &c.

In the County of *Middleſex*,

On the £. 20,000,	£. 287 - 05 - 0	
On the £. 40,000, £. 574 - 10, for five Years,	2872 - 10 - 0	
		£. 3159 - 15 - 0

That the Honourable *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Eaſtern-Diviſion, laid before the Committees five Bundles of the cancelled Money of ſaid County, which were examined and burnt by the ſaid Committees, amounting to £. 3159 - 15 - 0

So that Middleſex *has cancelled their full Quota for the ſaid Years, and is deficient* £. 00 - 00 - 0

In the County of *Monmouth*, a Deficiency reported in 1748, *l.* 914 - 09 - 5

On the £. 20,000,	423 - 17 - 6	
On the £. 40,000, £. 847 - 15, for five Years,	4238 - 15 - 0	
		£. 5577 - 01 - 11

Examined and burned by the ſaid Committees, Twenty-one Bundles, laid before them by *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; containing £. 5225 - 09 - 09¼

So that Monmouth *is deficient*, £. 351 - 12 - 1¾

In the County of *Eſſex*, a Deficiency as reported in 1748, *l.* 24 - 08 - 6

On the £. 20,000, Emiſſion,	340 - 05 - 0	
On the £. 40,000, £. 680 - 10, for five Years,	3402 - 10 - 0	
		l. 3767 - 3 - 6

Examined and burned by ſaid Committees, ſix Bundles, laid before them by *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; containing *l.* 3658 - 0 - 0

So that Eſſex *is deficient* £. 109 - 3 - 6

In the County of *Somerſet*,

On the £. 20,000,	*l.* 97 - 10 - 0	
On the £. 40,000, £. 195, for five Years,	975 - 00 - 0	
		l. 1072 - 10 - 0

Examined and burned by the ſaid Committees, ten Bundles, laid before them by *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; containing *l.* 1072 - 10 - 0

So that Somerſet *hath ſunk their Quota, and are deficient* £. 0 - 00 - 0

In the County of *Bergen*,

On the £. 20,000,	*l.* 264 - 15 - 0	
On the £. 40,000, £. 409 - 10, for five Years,	2047 - 10 - 0	
		l. 2252 - 05 - 0

Examined and burned by the ſaid Committees, five Bundles, laid before them by *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; containing *l.* 2252 - 05 - 0

So that Bergen *hath ſunk its Quota, and are deficient* £. 0 - 00 - 0

And theſe Committees do further report, that the ſeeming Impropriety of *Monmouth* ſinking the above mentioned Pence and Farthings, had its Riſe from there being three Commiſſioners, their cancelling their Money ſeparately, and the Juſtices and Freeholders in their Certificate, calling it the above Sum; tho' in Fact there was ſome ſmall Matter more.

By Order of the Committees,
LEWIS M. ASHFIELD.
AARON LEAMING.

June 21, 1754.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on the Council, and desire to know, if they have any Thing before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for Leave to rise.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to the Council, who were pleased to say, they had Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Wood* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House have Nothing before them, and desire he will be pleased to dismiss them.

And being returned, Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Wood* and himself performed the above Order of the House; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the House should soon hear from him.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met,

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency, who was pleased to pass the following Laws, *viz.*

1. *An* Act *for the Support of the Government of his Majesty's Colony of* New-Jersey, *to commence the Twenty-first Day of* May, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four, and to end the Twenty-first Day of* May, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Five; and to discharge the publick Debts, and contingent Charges thereof; and for settling the Quotas in the respective Counties, and levying of a Provincial Tax.*

2. *An* Act *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common-Council-men of the free Borough and Town of* Elizabeth, *to build a Poor-house, Work-house and House of Correction within the said Borough, and to make Rules, and Ordinances for the Government of the same; and to repair the Goals of said Borough.*

3. *An* Act *for Naturalizing* Johannes Doremus, Hendrick Beuf, Hendrick Beuf, *jun. and* Cornelius Parant.

And then his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to the House of Assembly; of which the following is a Copy.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

'IN Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, I have this Sessions laid before 'you, the Necessity of your enabling me to send Commissioners to meet 'at the present Congress at *Albany*, and also to make a suitable Present to the '*Indians*, to continue them our Allies and Friends.

'I HAVE

' I HAVE alſo recommended to you, your doing ſomething to ſtrengthen the ' Forces raiſed in *Virginia*, to repel the *French* out of the King's Dominions ' on the River *Ohio*; but to all this you have turned a deaf Ear: Neither ' the Expectations of his Majeſty, his Honour and Dignity, the Peace, Happi- ' neſs, Safety, and Lives of his Subjects, in theſe his Dominions, have moved ' you; but rather than to give a helping Hand, you ſeem willing to ſuffer the ' *French* to enter into, and poſſeſs themſelves of, a great Tract of Land (un- ' doubtedly belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*) and tamely to permit ' a moſt cruel and barbarous Enemy, to have it in their Power, at their ' Will and Pleaſure, to murder and deſtroy Hundreds of Families in this and ' the neighbouring Colonies; which moſt certainly will be the Caſe, if the ' *French* are allowed to continue on the Lands on the *Ohio*: For my own ' Part, *Gentlemen*, I did not think that one Word need to be ſaid, to urge an ' Aſſembly on the *Engliſh* Continent of *America*, to exert themſelves on this ' Occaſion; when it is (as I am credibly informed) the Voice of almoſt all ' the King's Subjects (in theſe his Colonies) that ſomething effectual ought to ' be ſpeedily done on this Occaſion: It is true, *Gentlemen*, you, by a Reſolve ' of your Houſe, do ſay, that when a well-concerted Scheme be made for ' that Purpoſe, and a general Plan be laid before your Houſe, this Colony ' ought to provide for the ſame, according to the Circumſtances thereof: ' Can this be judged any Thing but an intended Evaſion? Do you expect to ' be conſulted in the Scheme, or Plan of Operation? or, do you think it is ' proper to have the ſeveral Steps to be taken (againſt a vigilant Enemy) made ' publick? You are neither Warriors proper to be adviſed with in Times of ' Action, or are the ſecret Schemes of War to be publiſhed; it is enough ' for Aſſemblies and the People to be acquainted with the general Deſign, and ' the Danger of a paſſive Submiſſion to an Enemy; (all which you have been ' acquainted with,) and inſtead of making proper Proviſion on theſe Occaſions, ' you have treated me, as his Majeſty's Repreſentative, in a moſt unjuſt as ' well as inſolent Manner; and at the ſame Time aſſume to yourſelves a Right ' ſuperior to the other Branches of the Legiſlature, and enter into the Province ' of the Judges of the Courts of Law, and deny them that Right which ' the Conſtitution grants them.

' BY your Meſſage of the 12th Inſtant, and your Addreſs received the 14th, ' you inſinuate, as if this Colony has been loaded with Grievances during my ' Adminiſtration; and that all which (except that of the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*) ' have remained unredreſſed. I can't call to Remembrance any more than ' three, which you called Grievances; being the Caſes of the Juſtices of ' *Burlington*, the late Sheriff of *Perth-Amboy*, and the late Sheriff of *Hun-* ' *terdon*: In the two firſt Inſtances, I applied for Advice of his Majeſty's ' Council thereon; and as to the ſecond, to the Judges of the Supreme Court, ' for their Opinion, and acted accordingly; of which you in the Time ' thereof was acquainted, and think you, (without aſſuming the whole Power ' of the three Branches of the Legiſlature, and alſo of the Judges of the Courts ' of Law) ought to have acquieſced therewith; and not ſo long after upbraid ' me, as the King's Repreſentative, of not diſcharging the Truſt repoſed in me, ' and in a rude and threatning Manner, deſire never more to hear any Thing ' from me on that Head: The Caſe of the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, being ' ſimilar to that of the Sheriff of *Middleſex*, the Advice received on the One,

' anſwered

'anſwered for the Other; and my Removal of ſaid Sheriff, was on Motives 'far different from that ſuggeſted by you.

'THE Complaint of Grievances ſounds loud in a Country, and is often 'made Uſe to ſupport ſome deſigning Men in their unjuſt Schemes, when in 'Truth and in Fact, there is not the leaſt Foundation for the Complaint: 'Do you expect that I muſt, contrary to Advice of his Majeſty's Council, the 'Opinion of the Judges, and my own Judgment, run blindly into your 'Sentiments? The Houſe of Commons (to whom you are pleaſed to compare 'yourſelves) never attempted to ſtretch their Power (as you have done) that 'I remember, when the Government was ſettled on a good Foundation: 'They indeed have an undoubted Right to complain of the Breach of a Law, 'and deſire the Matter may be enquired into, and redreſſed; but never deter-'mine the Thing themſelves, and declare what is, or what is not Law; and 'I am ſorry you ſhould ſearch into the Times of the greateſt Confuſion, for 'a Precedent to ſupport ſuch a Proceeding: That Houſe of Commons voted 'the King and Houſe of Lords uſeleſs; and thereby ſhewed, that the whole 'Conſtitution was to bow to the obſtinate Will of the Leaders of that Houſe: 'Lord Chief Juſtice *Holt*, in the Caſe of the *Aylesbury* Men, told the Houſe 'of Commons the ſame Thing, which you take ſo much amiſs to hear from 'me; and that auguſt Body, on conſidering the Matter, found that he was 'right, and that he had the concurrent Opinion of all the wiſe Men of the 'Nation to ſupport him: This was their Sentiments of that Conſtitution, 'and ſhould be yours.

'AND upon the Whole, neither your informing me of your being the 'Givers and Witholders of Rewards, or any other Matter whatſoever, ſhall 'prevail on me, either to betray a Truſt repoſed in me by his Majeſty, or to 'ſwerve from my Duty to him, or to quit my great Deſire of promoting the 'Good and Safety of the People under my Government, and their Poſterity.

'YOUR Conduct has rendered it abſolutely my Duty, for the Honour of 'his Majeſty, and the future Well-being of this Colony, to diſſolve this preſent 'Aſſembly; thereby putting it in the Power of the good People of this 'Province, to ſhow how they ſtand affected in the Choice of their future 'Repreſentatives, for the Good of the great and common Cauſe, recommended 'to you this Seſſions.

'I DO therefore, by Virtue of the Power and Authority to me given, 'diſſolve this preſent Aſſembly; and you are accordingly diſſolved.

Perth-Amboy,
June 21, 1754.

J. BELCHER.

BY *Virtue of an Order of the Houſe, I do appoint* James Parker *of* Woodbridge, *to print theſe Votes.*

CHA. READ, *Speaker.*

WOODBRIDGE:
Printed agreeable to the above Appointment, 1754.